

Let's Worship God

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John





THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
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Monday - John 10:10-18 - What a Saviour!

Why does Christ come to earth? Not to teach some new way of behaving, or be an example of self-denial and holiness, or start a new form of worship. Christ leaves heaven and lives for 33 years on earth for a much greater reason than this. He comes to get eternal life for men and women at the cost of His own death. He comes to die, so that through His death we may have grace, truth, and eternal life.

Like a good shepherd, Jesus knows all His believing people. Their names, their families, their homes, their circumstances, their private history, their experience, their trials - these are all things Jesus knows well. There is not one thing about us with which Jesus is not familiar. Like a good shepherd, Jesus cares tenderly for all His believing people. He provides all we need and leads us in the right way. He is patient with our weaknesses, and He does not abandon us because we are contrary, stubborn, or sick. He guards and protects us against all our enemies. Like a good shepherd, Jesus lays down His life for the sheep. He does it once for all when He is crucified for us. When He sees that nothing can save us from hell and the devil but His blood, He willingly gives up His life for us. The sheep are saved forever because the Good Shepherd dies for them.

When Christ dies, He dies of His own voluntary free will. The treachery of Judas, the armed soldiers, the hatred of the Scribes and Pharisees, the injustice of Pilate, the whips, the nails, the spear, - all these can not hurt one hair of our Lord's head, unless He allows them. Jesus knows that His death is the only way to pay for man's sins. For the joy set before Him He willingly endures the cross, and lays down His life, in order that we, through His death, might have eternal life.

Questions

1. Why did Jesus come to earth?
2. How is Jesus like a Good Shepherd?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for Jesus' love for us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"For apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5c

Praise: Psalm 119: Part 1 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Tuesday - John 10:19-30 - The Joys of Being in Christ

Our Lord Jesus Christ causes a lot of trouble and controversy when He is on earth. It isn't His fault, it isn't the fault of His teaching - the problem lies in the sinful hearts of those listening. Human nature never changes. We can expect men and women to hate the Gospel if God has not been working in their heart. Unconverted people cannot really like the people of God. They may be outwardly polite, but our conversation and our behaviour should rub them the wrong way. It should make them feel guilty and uncomfortable. If it doesn't, maybe we need to see how openly we are living as a Christian. But it should never surprise us to have to undergo the same treatment, the same response as our Lord gets.

Jesus calls Christians His sheep. The main idea here is the entire dependence of the sheep upon the shepherd. Just as sheep hear the voice of their own shepherd, and follow him, so believers follow Christ. They hear His irresistible call and believe on Him. The trust in Him and commit their souls entirely to His direction. They depend completely on Him for everything. Believers belong to Jesus. They are His by gift from the Father, His by purchase, and His by calling and choice.

Christ knows His people with a special knowledge. They are never forgotten or overlooked by Christ. He gives His people a right and title to heaven, forgiving their many sins, and clothing them with perfect righteousness. Weak as believers are, they shall all be saved. Not one of them shall be lost, not one shall miss heaven. If they sin, they shall be brought back; if they fall, they shall be raised. Their enemies may be mighty, but Christ is mightier.

Questions

1. How did the world react to Jesus?
2. How are believers like sheep?
3. How does Christ teach believers?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for Christians being persecuted in other countries.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

“For apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5c

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Wednesday - John 10:31-42 - Miracles

The unbelieving Jews at Jerusalem are not impressed by Jesus' miracles or His teaching. They are determined not to receive Him as their Messiah, and they try to kill Him. Our Lord has done nothing wrong. He is no robber, murderer, or rebel against the law. He goes about doing good. There is no fault or inconsistency in His character. He commits no crime, is perfect and spotless, but the Jews hate Him and want His blood. Again we have no reason to be surprised if we, as followers of Christ, get the same treatment the world gives Him. The more we are like Christ in our words and actions, the more we'll have to endure hatred and persecution.

Jesus teaches in these verses that every word of the Bible comes from God and is the final and perfect authority in all questions. We cannot doubt one word of the Bible. It is from God and cannot be broken.

Jesus also appeals to His miracles as the best evidence that He is sent from God. Jesus performs numerous miracles before many many people. They testify that He is from God, that He speaks with authority and power. Throughout the Bible, God gives His messengers the ability to do miracles, as a sign or proof that they have come from God and are speaking God's words. The miracles are a sign from God that what Jesus is saying about Himself is true. And what is Jesus saying about Himself? That He is the Son of God and that all who believe on Him will have eternal life.

Questions

1. Why do the Jews hate Jesus?
2. What does Jesus teach about the Bible?
3. What are miracles an evidence of?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God's Word has no mistakes.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"For apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5c

Praise: Psalm 119:Part 3 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Thursday - John 11:1-6 - Turn to Christ

True Christians can suffer from sickness as much as unbelievers. Lazarus of Bethany is one whom Jesus loves, and a brother of two well-known holy women. But Lazarus is dying. The Lord Jesus, who has power over all diseases, can prevent this illness if He wants. But He doesn't. He allows Lazarus to be sick, and in pain, and tired, and to suffer like any other man. As Christians we need to remember that sickness is not a sign that God is angry with us; in fact it generally happens for the good of our souls. It tends to take our mind off the things of this world and focus it on the things of God. It sends us to our Bibles and teaches us to pray better. It helps to prove our faith and patience and shows the real value of our hope in Christ. It reminds us that we do not live on this earth forever and prepares us for heaven. We must believe that, if we belong to Him, our Lord Jesus loves us when we are sick no less than when we are well.

Jesus Christ is the Christian's best friend in times of need. When Lazarus is sick his sisters immediately turn to Jesus. They don't tell Him to come at once or work a miracle. They just tell Him that the one He loves is sick and leave it at that, believing that Jesus will do what is best. This is true faith, humility, and obedience that we would do well to imitate. When those we love are sick, we will obviously spare no pains to help them to recover. But in all we do, we must never forget that our best Helper is in heaven at God's right hand. Like Mary and Martha, we must pray. Let us not forget, in the hurry and excitement of our feelings, that none can help like Him, and that He is merciful, loving, and gracious.

Questions

1. How can sickness help us to be a better Christian?
2. What do the sisters do when their brother is sick?
3. What should we do when those we love are sick?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for those in the congregation struggling with illness.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"For apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5c

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Friday - John 11:1-6 - Loving Wisdom

There is so much we can get out of this passage that we are going to look at it again today. These verses teach us that Christ loves all who are true Christians. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus are very different people. Elsewhere in the Bible we are told that Martha is a worrier and that Mary sits at Jesus' feet to listen to Him. We're told nothing about Lazarus. But all of them are loved by the Lord Jesus. They all belong to His family, and He loves them all. We must remember this when we look at other Christians. The grace of God does not make us all the same in personality. Yes, all God's children repent, believe, obey, pray, love the Bible, but they can be very different people. We must not undervalue others because they aren't like us.

Christ knows best at what time to do anything for His people. Jesus purposely delays His journey and does not come to Bethany till Lazarus has been four days in the grave. He knows what is going on, but He does not move till the time comes that He sees is best. We must fix this idea in our head. Nothing will help us more to bear patiently the trials of life than to be convinced that God's timing and God's ways are best. Try to believe not only that all that happens to you is not just for your good but is the best way it could have happened. We are all impatient in trouble. We forget that Christ is too wise a Physician to make mistakes. It is our job to say, "My times are in Your hand. Do with me as You will, how You will, what You will, and when You will. Not my will but Yours be done." Faith is being able to wait, sit still, and not complain. The hand that was nailed to the cross is too wise and loving to act without a reason or keep us waiting without a cause.

Questions

1. How does Jesus feel about Mary, Martha, and Lazarus?
2. What should we do when things don't happen the way we think they should?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would trust in our Lord Jesus Christ in times of trial.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"For apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5c

Praise: Psalm 119: Part 5 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Saturday - John 11:7-16 - Trust and Obey

The disciples don't understand why Jesus wants to walk back into danger in Judea. We are often put in circumstances just as puzzling to us as this is to the disciples. We are led in ways we don't understand, and asked to do things we would never have chosen to do. At times we cannot see the usefulness or wisdom of anything Christ is having us do. During these times we must believe that our Lord knows best and that He is leading us in the right way for our good and His glory. If the twelve disciples had not been taken back into Judea, they would not have seen the glorious miracle at Bethany. If Christians were allowed to choose their own course through life, they would never learn hundreds of lessons about Christ and His grace, which they are now taught in God's ways. The time may come when we shall be called to take some journey in life which we greatly dislike. When that time comes, let us set out cheerfully, and believe that all is right.

Every true Christian has a Friend in heaven of almighty power and boundless love. He is thought of, cared for, provided for, defended by God's eternal Son. He has an unfailing Protector, who never sleeps, and watches continually over Him. The friendship of the Son of God is stronger than death and goes beyond the grave.

Do you belong to Christ? This is the one thing you need. You may not have the cheerfulness of some Christians, or the fiery zeal of another, or the gentleness of others. But if grace is within you, and you know what repentance and faith are by experience, Christ calls you His friend.

Questions

1. What should we do when we don't understand why Christ is having us do something?
2. What kind of friend is Jesus?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"For apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5c

Praise: Psalm 119: Part 6 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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