

Let's Worship God

14th-19th December 2020

John





THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO J O H N

Monday - John 4:43-54 - Suffering and Salvation

The rich have troubles as well as the poor. No doubt this royal official has spared no expense in trying to get his son healed, but it's no use - the sickness increases, and the son is about to die. Money doesn't put anyone beyond the reach of trouble. It doesn't shut out disease and death. Instead of envying the rich, we should pray for them and the many dangers they can easily fall into, and we should practice contentment. We are only really rich if we have treasure in heaven.

Sickness and death come to the young as well as the old. The first grave ever dug on this earth is that of a young man, not a father, but a son. We've no guarantee of long life. We don't know what tomorrow might bring. Wisdom is in being always prepared to meet God, to put nothing off which concerns eternity, and to live ready to die.

The troubles in our life can often do our souls a lot of good. Worry about a son leads this nobleman to Christ for help. In the end he and his whole house believe in Christ. If his son had never been so sick, he might have lived and died in his sins. Suffering is one of God's medicines. By it He often teaches lessons we can't learn any other way. By it He often draws souls away from sin and the world, which otherwise might have been destroyed. Don't complain about the hardships in your life. There is a meaning and a message from God in every sorrow that falls upon us, and the lessons we learn while suffering are often the most useful.

Finally we learn that Christ's word is as good as Christ's presence. What Christ has said, He is able to do; and what He has undertaken, He will not fail to make good. The sinner who rests his soul on the word of the Lord Jesus is safe for all eternity. Jesus Christ keeps His promises.

Questions

1. How should we see our troubles?
2. Why can we trust what Jesus says?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God keeps His Word.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you." John 15:3

Praise: Psalm 89 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Tuesday - John 5:1-15 - The Healer

Sin brings misery into the world. This man has been ill for 38 years. He has seen others cured, but year after year has passed, and he still suffers. No relief or change for the better seems likely to come. When we hear of cases of sickness like this, we should remember how much we should hate sin! Sin is the original root, and cause of every disease in the world. God did not create man to be full of aches and pains. These are the fruits of the Fall. There would have been no sickness, if there had been no sin. We should long and pray for the new heavens and the new earth, where there will be no tears, no suffering, no invalids, and no incurable cases.

These verses also show us the great mercy and compassion of Christ. Neglected, overlooked, and forgotten in the great crowd, this man is seen by Christ. He knows how long this man has been sick. Christ pities him, speaks to him, heals him immediately, and sends him home rejoicing. This is just one of many examples of our Lord Jesus Christ's kindness and compassion. He is full of undeserved, unexpected, abounding love towards man. He is far more ready to save than man is to be saved, far more willing to do good than man is to receive it.

Every sickness and sorrow is used by God to teach us something. We need to look for these lessons. If we recover, when we recover, we should have a deeper hatred of sin and a greater desire to live in serving God. Far too often we forget our good intentions and promises made in the sick room the moment we recover. Let us thank God that He heals and that He saves.

Questions

1. What is the cause of all sickness?
2. Why does Christ heal this man?
3. What do we need to be careful about when things are going well?

Prayer Points

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

Memory Verse

“Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.” John 15:3

Praise: Psalm 90 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Wednesday - John 5:16-23 - The Greatness of Christ

There are some works which are lawful to do on the Sabbath. The Jews find fault because Jesus heals a man on the Sabbath. They accuse Him of breaking the fourth commandment. In Jesus' reply it is as if He is saying, "Though my Father rested on the seventh day from His work of creation, He has never rested for a moment from taking care of the world and supplying the needs of His creatures." Jesus doesn't break the fourth commandment when He heals the sick anymore than God the Father breaks it when He causes the sun to rise and the grass to grow on the Sabbath. Jesus is not throwing out the fourth commandment, He is just showing us that works of necessity and mercy are permitted. But today we are in far more danger of not keeping the Sabbath at all than in keeping it too strictly. We must be on guard against this tendency in us and in our world.

Jesus also teaches about His dignity and greatness. He claims that He is one with God the Father. In action, in knowledge, in heart, in will, the Father and the Son are One, - two Persons, but one God. Truths like these are beyond our power to explain fully, but we need to believe and rest upon them. Jesus claims as well that He can give life. Life is precisely that thing that man, with all his cleverness, can neither create or restore when taken away. But life is in the hands of the Lord Jesus. Dead bodies and dead souls are under His dominion. He has the keys of death and hell. In Him is life. He is the life. Christ also claims here that He has the authority to judge the world. All power and authority is given to Him. He is the King and Judge of all mankind. Before Him every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that He is Lord

Questions

1. What does Jesus teach about the Sabbath?
2. What does Jesus teach about Himself?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would keep the Sabbath holy.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you." John 15:3

Praise: Psalm 91 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Thursday - John 5:24-29 - Hearing and Believing

The salvation of our souls depends on hearing Christ. It is the man who “hears Christ’s word” and believes that God the Father sent Him to save sinners, who has everlasting life. This hearing is more than just listening. It is hearing with faith and love, hearing with a heart ready to obey Christ. To hear His voice and follow Him - this is the way to Heaven. But we need God to give us, by His grace, ears to hear and feet to follow. It is all grace and grace alone.

A true hearer and believer enjoys rich and full privileges. He has everlasting life. He is completely justified and forgiven. His sins are put away. He is in an entirely new position before God. The moment he believes, he is already pardoned, forgiven, and saved, though not in heaven. His sins are entirely removed, taken away, and blotted out of God’s book, by Christ’s blood. He may look forward to judgement without fear. He shall stand without fault before the throne of God. He is no longer dead before God, but alive, a new creature.

Christ has the power to give life to dead souls. He can awaken dead hearts to spiritual life, and make them feel their need of salvation, repent, and believe. But He also prophesies here about the final resurrection of the dead. All is not over when men die. Whether they like it or not, they will have to come forth from their graves at the last day, and stand before Christ. None can escape His summons. When men rise again, there will be two groups. Not all will go to heaven. Not all will be saved. Some will rise again to inherit eternal life, but some will rise again only to be condemned. Make sure that you are among Christ’s true disciples, so you can one day stand before Him without fear.

Questions

1. What privileges do we have in Christ?
2. What does Christ do for us?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the salvation of family, friends, and neighbours.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

“Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.” John 15:3

Praise: Psalm 92 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Friday - John 5:30-39 - Evidence

His Father in heaven, his forerunner, John the Baptist, the miraculous works He does, the Scriptures the Jews claim to honour, each and all are named by our Lord, as testifying that He is the Christ, the Son of God. But the Jews refuse to believe.

Christ honours His faithful servants. John is probably dead when these words are spoken. He has been persecuted, imprisoned, and put to death by Herod. But this murdered disciple is not forgotten by his Divine Master. If no one else remembers him, Jesus does. He has honoured Christ, and Christ honours him. Christ cares for all His believing people and never forgets them. He knows where they live and what their trials are. He notices all they do for Him in this evil world.

Christ honours the miracles as evidence of His being the Messiah. These miracles produce an immense effect on the minds of men. They are so many, so public, and so incapable of being explained away, that our Lord's enemies can only say that they are done by Satan.

Christ also honours the Scriptures in these verses. He speaks about the Old Testament, and this reminds us that every part of the Bible teaches about Christ. He is found directly and indirectly in the Law, the Psalms, and the Prophets. In the promises to Adam, Abraham, Moses, and David, in the types and symbols of the ceremonies of worship, in the predictions of Isaiah and the other prophets, Jesus the Messiah is everywhere to be found in the Old Testament. But because men and women do not want to believe that Christ is the Son of God, they will not believe, despite all the evidence.

Questions

1. What testifies that Christ is the Son of God?
2. What do the miracles show?
3. Which part of the Bible do we read about Christ in?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's Word.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you." John 15:3

Praise: Psalm 93 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Saturday - John 5:40-47 - Unwilling to Believe

Jesus gives us the reason right here why many souls are lost. They have no desire to come to Christ to be saved. It is not their sin that keeps them from salvation - all kinds of sins can be forgiven. It is not because Christ's death on the cross isn't good enough or complete enough. It is something else : it is man's own unwillingness to come to Christ, repent, and believe. Either from pride, or laziness, or love of sin, or love of the world, many have no mind, or wish, or heart, or desire to seek life in Christ. This is the whole reason why many are not saved.

The Lord Jesus tells the Jews they are not honest in their religion. With all their apparent desire to hear and learn, they care more about pleasing man than God. True faith does not depend just on our head knowledge, but also on our heart. Our mind may be convinced, our conscience guilty, but so long as there is anything we love more than God, there is no true faith. We need to make sure that we really want the praise of God above all else.

Finally, notice in these verses that Christ testifies to the fact that Moses wrote Scripture. Many so-called experts try to claim that Moses never existed, or that if he did, he never wrote part of the Bible. But Jesus disagrees. Our Lord Jesus Christ testifies to the fact that every word in the Old Testament, as well as in the New, is given by the inspiration of God.

Questions

1. Why do people not turn to Christ?
2. Is it enough to know the Gospel in our head?
3. What is Christ saying about the Old Testament?

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

“Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.” John 15:3

Praise: Psalm 94 - 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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