

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Feb 14, 2021



SAUL SAW THE LORD

Written by Clifton Angel

"So he, trembling and astonished, said, 'Lord, what do You want me to do?' Then the Lord said to him, 'Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.' And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one" (Acts 9:6-7).

Several details evidence the fact that Saul saw the resurrected Jesus. Let us note these details, and let

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
for all ages & fellowship
for lunch every Sunday!

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us also consider the significance of the occasion.

Verse seven gives us an antithesis to what Saul was seeing. The men with Saul heard a voice, but saw no man. This is a small detail evidencing that Saul did see the man, Jesus. Next, we see that Ananias later indicates that Jesus “appeared” to Saul: “And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit’” (Acts 9:17). The word translated “appear” is not merely a term which indicates presence, but also sight. Finally, in Paul’s recounting of the occasion, he reveals these words of Jesus: “But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you” (Acts 26:16). The Greek word translated “appeared” at Acts 26:16 is the essentially the same as the instance of Acts 9:17, which we noted indicated literal sight of Jesus.

Now, why is this significant? First, this is significant because in order for one to be an apostle, he had to see with his own eyes the risen Christ. In the selection of a man to be an apostle that would replace Judas Iscariot, it is revealed to us that such an one must be an eye-witness of the resurrected Jesus: "Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection" (Acts 1:21-22).

Second, this is significant because it disproves claims of being saved by seeing Jesus. Even Saul, who saw Jesus, was not saved by his sight. Verse six indicates there was more Saul had to do in order to be saved. With the Bible as our guide, we know that Jesus is not making private appearances to people, today, in the way that He did to Saul. Rather, His next appearance will be to the entire world (cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, this also refutes the false idea of a secret rapture). Are you ready?

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Mary Alice Arnold, recovering from fall; **Wiley Tuggle**, upcoming surgeries on each leg; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Diane Mansel, Dana's mom, successful heart procedure; **Sherry Williams family**, she was a friend to Stephanie Bayless; **Austin Eldridge**, Desoto County deputy severely injured on the job; **Dwayne Honeycutt family**, Carl's brother passed, funeral was Tuesday; **Clifton Wiggins**, Dana's uncle passed, funeral was Thursday; **Michael Sykes**, recovering from heart procedure; **Joy Angel**, Clifton's sister; **Dan Winkler**, recovering from colon cancer surgery; **Kristen Hoggard**, Tim M.'s niece; **Wendy Jackson**, Marc's friend, diagnosed with cancer.

Birthdays

2/2 Joyce Campbell
2/4 Mika Meredith
2/7 Abigail Wilkes
2/8 Leigh Anne Owen
2/12 Terry Bland
2/13 Tim Wilkes, II
2/13 Mary Zluticky

Anniversaries

2/13 Wayne & Amanda Lyons

Get Involved!

Men's Leadership Class: Sundays, 12 PM

All men invited (young & old)

Youth Devotionals 2021

Sign up to host a youth devotional

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

—Ephesians 4:29—

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, February 14

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Jerry Davis
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper: Preside	John Wofford
Assist	

Closing Prayer	Andy Ratliff
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Afternoon

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	John Wofford

Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson
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Wednesday, February 17

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	Jason Bayless
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Joe Owen

TECH:	Daniel Owen
HALL:	