

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST July 14, 2019



JESUS, the despised teacher

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In the final week leading up to the crucifixion, Jesus' teaching infuriated those whose hearts were not right. The Scriptures affirm the Lord never sinned (Heb. 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22). Thus, we can be sure He always acted properly and with love even for those who were enemies of the truth (Luke 6:27,35; Eph. 4:15). Sadly, the same cannot be said regarding the Pharisees, the chief priests, the scribes and the elders (Luke 20:1). During Jesus' kingly approach to the city of Jerusalem, the disciples began to say, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest" (Luke 19:38). This upset the Pharisees, so they told the Lord, "Master, rebuke thy disciples."

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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
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Jesus showed His love for lost souls when He wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41- 44). He knew that within 40 years the Roman army would utterly destroy the city and the temple. The Lord's teaching included these statements: "For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation" (Luke 19:43-44). A little while later He also said, "when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled" (Luke 21:20-22). The love of the Lord prompted Him to teach these unpleasant truths in hope that some would take heed to the warning and save their souls.

His love also moved Jesus to do some things that were upsetting to many. When He went into the temple and saw those who were buying and selling, He began to drive them out (Luke 19:45). Even though righteous indignation caused Jesus to act, the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him (Luke 19:47). The only reason they were not able to carry out their evil scheme was the popularity Jesus had among the multitude (Luke 19:48; 20:6; 19).

The enemies of truth are not easily dissuaded though. They came to Jesus and demanded to know, "by what authority doest thou these things" (Luke 20:2)? The Lord then asked them about the authority behind the baptism of John, was it from heaven or from men. Their refusal to answer showed their moral cowardice (Luke 20:4-7). They hated the Lord without a cause (Psa. 109:3-5).

An attempt was made to catch Jesus in His words in hopes He could be delivered to the governor for judgment. Thus, the chief priests and scribes sent spies asking Jesus, "Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly: Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no" (Luke 20:21-22)? To this, the great Teacher said, "Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's. And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's" (Luke 20:24-25). The Scripture says "And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace" (Luke 20:26).

However, those sons of the devil (John 8:44; Acts 13:10) kept working to destroy Jesus. Within a few days they were able to stir up the crowds to cry out, "crucify him!" (Mark 15:13-14)! Pilate knew "that the chief priests had delivered him for envy" (Mark 15:10).

Even though Jesus always loved people, many did not love Him in return. To the contrary, they despised the one who gave them the opportunity to be saved. Truly, His is amazing love!



NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Tim Wilkes, II, Kenya mission trip; **Clifton, Kevin, Janice, Jeanna**, Panama mission trip upcoming; **Terry Davis**, recovering from hernia surgery; **Timothy Wilkes, Sr.**, recovering from eye surgery; **Clarence & Faye Edwards, Wiley Tuggle; Inez Neyman; Ginna Honeycutt; Seth Daniel; Sarah Norris; Sammy Williams; Elizabeth Baker.**

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Family & Friends

Lottie McMahan family, Betty's sister recently passed; **Larry Scruggs; Phillip Vanwinkle**, young preacher with stage 4 cancer; **Iris Casteel; Don & Sheri Blackwell and family**, rehab at Shepherd's Center; **Tabby Jenkins and her family**, continue in need of our prayers.

Birthdays

7/2	Noah Davis	7/7	Aemon Ratliff
7/3	Ruth Brister	7/9	Olivia Wofford
7/3	Marc Strickland	7/13	Seth Daniel
7/4	Inez Neyman	7/14	Jason Bayless
7/4	Jimmy Sowell	7/31	Porter Ferrell
7/6	Cali Bayless		

Anniversaries

7/3	Sammy & Grace Williams
7/11	Chris & Billie Martin
7/14	Clifton & Lara Angel
7/23	Tyler & Katherine King
7/26	Michael & Terri Sykes

Get Involved!

Providence Place Devo: TODAY, 2 PM

POWER Youth Rally: July 19 – 20

POWER Lectures: July 21 – 25

Panama Mission: July 19 – 26

Crockett VBS & Gospel Meeting: Jul 22 – 25
See flyer on bulletin board for details

Thyatira VBS: July 27

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, July 14

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	John Wofford
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Andy Ratliff
	Russell Wadsworth
	Carl Honeycutt
	Marc Strickland
	Kevin Dixon
Assist	Clifton Angel
	Jeffrey Ferrell
Opening Prayer	
Sermon	
Closing Prayer	

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jerry Davis
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Andy Ratliff
	Russell Wadsworth
Closing Prayer	Tim Meredith

Wednesday, July 17

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	John Wofford
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Noah Davis

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	John & Suzanne Wofford