

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## The One & Only Jesus

Matthew 12:18-21 reads:

"Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He will declare justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel nor cry out, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench, till He sends forth justice to victory; and in His name Gentiles will trust."

Those words, originally found in Isaiah 42, were spoken by God the Father in reference to the Messiah--the one and only Jesus! Some have called these verses a "photograph" of the Lord. He would fulfill all of these qualities and noble characteristics. Those who would truly "see Jesus" will find Him to be:

### 1. THE OBEDIENT ONE - "Behold! My Servant."

Jesus' ministry was characterized by His obedience to His Father in heaven. "I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me" (John 5:30). "But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do" (John 14:31). "Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered" (Heb. 5:8). Ultimately, Jesus "obeyed to the point of death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:8).

### 2. THE CHOSEN ONE - "My Servant whom I have chosen."

Jesus was chosen from before the foundation of the world to fulfill the plan of redemption (cf. Rev. 13:8). And He did accomplish such flawlessly (cf. Heb. 4:15).

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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 & Pew Packers  
each Sunday at 12:30

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### **3. THE BELOVED ONE - "My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased!"**

Jesus delighted the Father because of His willingness to humble Himself, obey, and give His own life. The Father confessed His love at least a couple times. At His baptism, the Father declared - "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17). At His transfiguration, the Father again spoke from heaven - "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (Matt. 17:5).

### **4. THE ANOINTED ONE - "I will put My Spirit upon Him."**

Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at His baptism in the Jordan River. "When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him" (Matt. 3:16). "And John bore witness, saying, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him'" (John 1:32). This seems to be when God the Father "set His seal on Him" (John 6:27).

### **5. THE JUST ONE - "And He will declare justice to the Gentiles."**

Jesus, although His focus was upon "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 10:6), came with the intent to "seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10)--no matter what their gender, social standing, race, or educational level (cf. Gal. 3:28; John 10:16). Jesus' kingdom, the church, would take the gospel to all the world and preach to every nation of people under heaven (cf. Matt. 28:19,20). Those of Jewish descent would no longer be God's favored ones merely because of their physical ancestry (cf. Rom. 2:28,29). The gospel--with its message of hope, grace, and justice--would be declared to the Gentiles.

### **6. THE LOWLY ONE - "He will not quarrel nor cry out."**

Although there are some recorded activities of Jesus that show Him to be righteously indignant (e.g., John 2:13ff), He was not sensationalistic. He was not loud or overbearing. He did not hunt down His detractors to engage in verbal battles with them. Jesus was "gentle and lowly in heart" (Matt. 11:29). He was full of humility.

### **7. THE SYMPATHETIC ONE - "A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench."**

Our Lord was also known for His kindness, compassion, and tenderness (e.g., John 11:32ff and His many other miraculous works). Although He would do what was right and proper to encourage those with a good heart and love for the truth, He would nevertheless come down very hard on the self-absorbed hypocrites (e.g., Matt. 23).

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## 8. THE CONQUERING ONE - "Till He sends forth justice to victory."

Ultimately, Christ and all His faithful followers will be victorious (cf. I Cor. 15:25-28). Those who endure to the end will receive the crown of life (cf. Rev. 2:10).

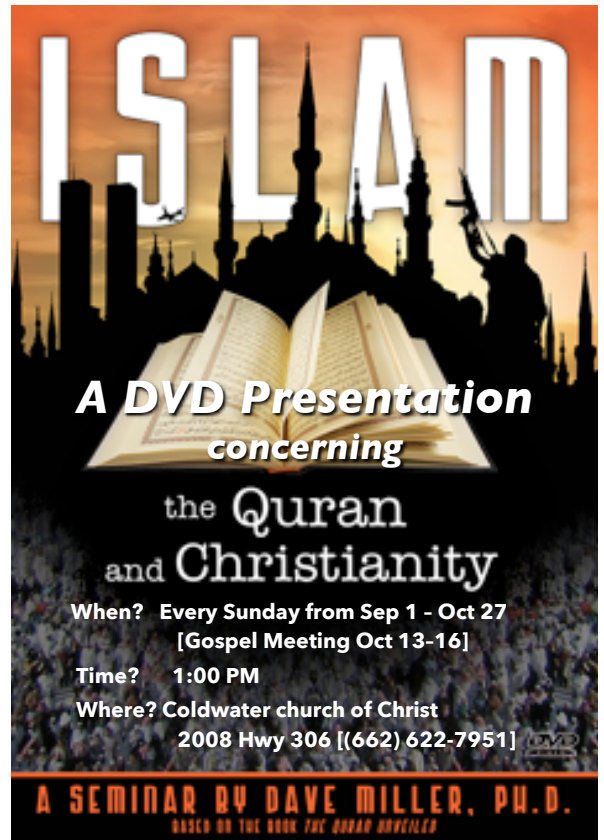
## 9. THE TRUSTWORTHY ONE - "And in His name Gentiles will trust."

The Father trusted Jesus and so should everyone else. He is faithful and always keeps His word. The wise, whether they are Jew or Gentile, will follow Him and trust His promises.

Jesus is amazing! Are you following Him and imitating His noble behavior? "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

—written by Stephen R. Bradd

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The image is a promotional poster for a DVD presentation. At the top, the word "ISLAM" is written in large, white, block letters against a background of a sunset or sunrise over a city skyline with minarets. Below the title, there is an image of an open book with Arabic text. The text on the poster reads: "A DVD Presentation concerning the Quran and Christianity". Below this, it says "When? Every Sunday from Sep 1 - Oct 27 [Gospel Meeting Oct 13-16]", "Time? 1:00 PM", and "Where? Coldwater church of Christ 2008 Hwy 306 [(662) 622-7951]". At the bottom, it says "A SEMINAR BY DAVE MILLER, PH.D." and "BASED ON THE BOOK THE QURAN UNVEILED".

*And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them (Acts 18:8-11).*

## Sermon Review

### You Can Be SURE About the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

- I. Restraints before Jesus' Resurrection
- II. Reveals after Jesus' Resurrection
- III. Rareness of Jesus' Resurrection

## ISLAM DVD SERIES

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Wiley & Betty Tuggle**, Betty showing some improvement; Wiley had an infection last week but is doing a lot better/feeling a lot better; **Sue Cobern; Helen Bowman**, she is confined more than before because of incidents dangerous to her well-being.

**OpenDoor Ministry**  
**Fishers of Men**  
**Far East Missions**

## Family & Friends

**Andy Jones family; Faye Young family**, Faye works with Stephanie and has requested prayers, 11 yr old in ditch in AR was her brother's granddaughter; **Vicky Davis**, cancer; **John Simpson**, able to be back home after supposed stroke; **Mr. Robertson**, Helen Bowman's son-in-law, cancer has returned; **Haley Coe**, Geoffrey's niece, head injury, also experience some complications that may be related; **LaJuan Collums'**, receiving treatments for cancer, battles other health problems also; **Steve Angel; Joy Angel**, battling various health problems; **Roy Cobern; Raleigh Wooten**, doing much better, still regaining strength after heart procedures; **JoAnn Prestage**, Sara Norris' sister, cancer; **Tasha Higginbotham**, in need of a kidney transplant, also has cataracts, & other health problems; **Curtis Cates**, has been back in the hospital, but was able to return home Friday; **Linda Perkins**, Tim West's mother-in-law, leukemia; **Mac Owen; Bob Spurlin; Kam Spencer; Ally Jo Kelly**, toddler with leukemia; **Brad & Sheri Daniel; Noah Judd; Carly Wright**, 3 yr. old with liver cancer; **Joe & Josephine Johnston**, and their sons, Charles and Chris; **Nicholas Franks; Frederick Bland; Barbara Denton; Brigman Family; Janice Jenkins; Carla Carlson; Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, cancer; **Doris Easley; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Wayne Collinsworth; Andrew Hagewood; Janie Brister; Chuck Tharp; Renee Loya; Aubree Harris; Virginia Mayfield; Peyton Harville; David Bragg**

## Birthdays

9/5	Jake Sutton	9/14	April Kinney
9/11	Molly Ratliff	9/26	Bren Burdsal
9/12	Tren House	9/26	Geoffrey Dunn

## Anniversaries

9/5	--	Jake & Milba Sutton
9/19	--	Tim & Lynn Wilkes
9/27	--	Wiley & Betty Tuggle

## Get Involved!

**Islam DVD Series -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson TODAY -- 1 PM**  
Invite everyone! Refreshments to follow.

**Devo at the Tuggle's Home -- TODAY**  
Immediately following close of PM service

**Gospel Meeting @ Sardis Lake church of Christ**  
Sep. 15-18; Steve Lentz preaching

**Bible Bowl -- Sep. 21 -- 10:30 AM**  
Location: Coldwater church of Christ building  
Study: Genesis 16-18  
Quizzes online at [www.TheBibleDomain.com](http://www.TheBibleDomain.com)  
Give money to Jeffrey for hosting food/snacks/drinks

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, September 15

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Seth Daniel
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Billy Bland
	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Assist	Tren House
	Jeremy Moore
Opening Prayer	Jerry Davis
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Islam DVD/C.A.
Lord's Supper	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
	Jeremy Moore
Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson

Wednesday, September 18

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Joe Owen
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jason Bayless