

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Oct 20, 2019



HE CAME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN, BUT NOT THE CROSS

PART 1

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If the Sermon on the Mount were all that Matthew recorded, that small piece of inspired literature would declare the very majesty of the One Who spoke those words. The sermon now complete, our Lord leaves the mountain to enter His market place. The very first words we encounter as we enter the eighth chapter of Matthew capture our attention: "And when he was come down from the mountain" (8:1). Strictly speaking those half dozen English words describe His descent from an earthly mountain to the plains below. But suppose Jesus had stayed in the mountain? What if He had built some monastery and lived out His life on isolation? Had He done so, the miracles in this chapter, yea the whole of Matthew, would have never been recorded, and the teachings and instructions delivered on the mount would have been ...

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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... nothing more than the wisdom of just another Rabbi speaking to His band of devoted zealots who, at the end of their lifelong journey, would have summed up the experience in the words of the two men traveling to Emmaus: "But we hoped that it was he who should redeem Israel" (Luke 24:21). Thank God that Jesus did come down from that mountain! Consider the following.

He Came Down From The Mountain Of Happiness To Bear Our Sorrows

Each of the three miracles of healing in this portion of our study is vitally connected with that beautiful chapter of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53. Matthew told us these things were done "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying: Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases" (8:17). The Old Testament passage is Isaiah 53:4-6: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." "Griefs" and "sorrows" - pay attention to those two words, keeping in mind the context of Isaiah's prophecy. The sorrow to which Isaiah refers was deeper and more profound than the emotional ache in the hearts of men that might arise from time to time. The Suffering Servant did not come to open a grief-counseling center or to wipe the tears of those whose lives had been disrupted by physical disease and multiple maladies, and then go about business as usual.

Our Lord was fully aware that back of all the disease and suffering is the problem of sin. The true sorrow of the world can be traced to sin, whether a person's own individual sin or the sin of humanity. Sin was introduced into the world by Adam (Rom. 5:12-21), and it spread into every corner of this globe and to every successive generation by individual choice. Jesus' power to heal

the leper by the touch of His hand, or to heal the centurion's servant from a distance by His spoken word, finds its significance in His overall mission to "seek and to save that which is lost" (Luke 19:10). Was this not the point in the case of the man sick of the palsy where Jesus asked His critics: "Which is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk?" (Luke 5:23). When it is said that Jesus bore "our griefs, and carried our sorrows" (Isa. 53:4) it is heaven's way of telling us of the great mission of our King to address the root cause of those sorrows. He did this by being "wounded for our transgressions" and "bruised for our iniquities" (Isa. 53:5). Can you imagine a king who would be willing to pay the penalty for the crimes of the citizens of his kingdom?

Pick your dictator or despot, and the story is the same. It is most often the case that the innocent suffer for the crimes of the king. But our King came down from the mount of happiness to bear our sorrows.

...to be continued



UPCOMING EVENTS in the AREA

October 20 - 23
November 1

Spiritual Sword (Getwell) Lectureship
Southaven Ladies' Night Out

See bulletin board for flyers with more details

RISE UP & BUILD

NEHEMIAN 2:18

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Wiley Tuggle, recent hospital visit, possible mini-strokes; **Seth Daniel**, treatments; **Sarah Norris family**; **John Wofford**; **Inez Neyman**; **Timothy Wilkes, Sr.**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**, **Sammy Williams**; **Elizabeth Baker**, myalgic encephalomyelitis

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Family & Friends

Grace Gregory family, Brad's mother passed; **Caroline Livsey**, Clifton's grandma, recovering from knee replacement surgery; **Clair Easley**; **Vicki Angel**, radiation treatment; **Beverly Wilkes**, Tim Sr.'s mother, recovering from knee replacement surgery; **Johnnie Ann Wacaster**, Tom Wacaster's wife, in hospice; **Tabby Jenkins** and her family, **Tabby was able to return home last week!**

Birthdays

10/3	Mischel Jackson
10/5	Lynn Wilkes
10/15	Georgia Bayless
10/16	Titus Wilkes
10/19	Hunter Zluticky
10/20	Sara Norris
10/31	Billy Bland

Anniversaries

10/7	Kevin & Janice Dixon
10/27	Marc & Ashley Strickland

Get Involved!

Providence Place Devo: TODAY, 2 PM

Pine Vale Fall Pantry Drive: Due by Oct 27
canned salmon, bisquit, dishwasher tablets

Youth Devo & Trunk R Treat: Oct 27, 5 PM
Signup sheet on table in foyer

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo: Oct 30, 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night: Oct 30, 7 PM
5th Wed., get song requests to Clifton ASAP

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 20

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Tim Wilkes, II
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Billy Bland
	Jim Jackson
Assist	Russell Wadsworth
	Kevin Dixon
Opening Prayer	Tim Meredith
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Joe Owen

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jerry Davis
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Billy Bland
	Jim Jackson
Closing Prayer	Noah Davis

Wednesday, October 23

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jason Bayless
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Terry Davis

TECH:	John Wofford
HALL:	Marc & Ashley Strickland