

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Oct 27, 2019



HE CAME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN, BUT NOT THE CROSS

PART 2

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He Came Down From The Mountain of Honor To Become A Servant

Prior to His descent to this world of woe, our Lord enjoyed honor and majesty alongside the Father. He basked in heavenly sunshine, and was worshiped by the angels (Heb. 1:6). He enjoyed the "power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing" (Rev. 5:12) deserving of the Godhead. Existing in the "form of God," He "counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped" (Phil. 2:6). Words cannot be found that can adequately describe the majesty of our Lord prior to that moment when He took upon Himself "the form of a servant, [and] being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:7-8). His descent from that 'mountain of honor' was for no other purpose than to be a Servant of God and ...

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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... humanity, and to give His life a ransom for all. "For the Son of man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). On one occasion He washed the feet of the disciples thereby teaching them the importance of being a servant (John 13:1-15). He was obedient to the Father in every respect, remaining faithful even unto death.

In the thirty-three years that our Lord sojourned upon this earth, He never once demonstrated a single shred of selfish desire; never seeking to "be served" but seeking rather "to serve." He never had to turn His back on material things because He never sought them in the first place. On one occasion his disciples encouraged Him to eat, but He said unto them, "I have meat to eat that ye know not. My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work" (John 4:32-34). He then warned all of us, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through and steal" (Matt. 6:19-20). He not only preached that message, but lived that message to its fullest extent. Our Lord never owned any property, never built a house, never lay by in store, never had a passbook savings account, never organized a "garage sale," and never placed an ounce of importance on what one might possess in this life. When His life was finished and His course completed, the only thing He could call His own was stripped from His sinless body and gambled away at the foot of the cross by the Roman soldiers while their Master and Creator hung on the cross close by. Having no place to lay His head (Luke 9:58), He found His rest in the homes of those who were gracious enough to provide His daily sustenance, and grant Him a place of repose when the day was done. All this, because He was willing to come down from the mountain of honor to become a Servant!

He Came Down From The Mountain of Heaven To Be Our Savior

Prior to His incarnation, Jesus shared in the glories of heaven with the Father. He basked in the glory and essence of deity (2 Cor. 8:9). In the beginning He filled the universe with the stars and planets (John 1:1-3) with the simple sound of His voice. He sustained (and still sustains) all things by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3). Yet He was willing to give all that up so that He could set before mankind the feast of abundant life. The New Testament rings with the message of salvation: "Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save

sinner” (1 Tim. 1:15a). “And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21). W.N. Clarke wrote almost a century ago, “The glory of Christianity is salvation.” The great challenge to the church in this century is getting men to realize their need for a Savior. Too many have lost the awareness of this need; too few are inclined to perceive of Him as Savior. One reason for this is the diminished concept of sin in the modern world. Jack Cottrell wrote,

Of course he recognizes that the world is filled with evils, failures, social ills, and conflicts of all kinds; but he just does not want to think of them as sin. This is because sin connotes a wrongdoing for which one is responsible before God, and modern man does not want to see himself in this light. He will take his evil and his failures to sociologists and psychologists, but not to God (Cottrell, 268).

When our “problems” are discussed in social circles they may be described as “disgraceful,” “corrupt,” “prejudicial,” “harmful,” or even “evil,” but never “sinful.” It is obvious that without a sense of sin there can be no real sense of God as our Savior.

Conclusion

Yes, Jesus came down from the mountain of happiness to bear our sorrows. He came down from the mountain of honor to be a Servant. He came down from the mountain of heaven to be our Savior. When the mob cried for the blood of Jesus, they were granted their wicked desires. And while Jesus hung on the cross they taunted the Son of God and challenged Him to “come down from the cross” (Matt. 27:40). He could have; but He refused to do so. Thank God that while Jesus was willing to come down from the mountain, He refused to come down from the cross.



NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

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

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Family & Friends

Wanda Coats, Rachel's aunt, breast cancer survivor, now battling cancer spots on ribs, more treatments to come; **Grace Gregory family**; **Caroline Livsey**, Clifton's grandma; **Clair Easley**; **Vicki Angel**, radiation treatment; **Beverly Wilkes**, Tim Sr.'s mother; **Johnnie Ann Wacaster**, Tom Wacaster's wife, in hospice; **Tabby Jenkins** and her family.

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!

Pine Vale Fall Pantry Drive: Due by TODAY
canned salmon, bisquik, dishwasher tablets

Secret Sister Name Drawing: TODAY

Youth Devo & Trunk R Treat: TODAY, 4:30
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

Southaven Ladies Night Out: Nov 1

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior: Nov 3

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 27

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Noah Davis
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Russell Wadsworth
	Jim Jackson
Assist	Carl Honeycutt
	Terry Davis
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Tim Meredith

Afternoon

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Marc Strickland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson
	Russell Wadsworth
Closing Prayer	Kevin Dixon

Wednesday, October 30

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis

TECH:	John Wofford
HALL:	Andy & Molly Ratliff