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**"Therefore DO NOT WORRY
about TOMORROW,
for TOMORROW WILL WORRY
about ITS OWN things.
Sufficient for the day
is ITS OWN TROUBLE."**





By Dan Jenkins

“There Was a Man Sent From God”

Other than Jesus, can you think of any person in the Bible who would be greater than Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Caleb, any of the judges including Samuel, any of the Old Testament prophets and even greater than David, the man after God’s own heart? This is not a trick question. The Bible says there is someone who is greater than any of those righteous men just listed.

Hear the words of Jesus. “Among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist” (Matt. 11:11). We may have overlooked the importance of this great man.

John had an immediate and far-reaching impact when he began his work. He obviously did not look like those religious leaders among the Jews who wore special clothing and designed their clothes so that would appear to men to be holier than others (Matt. 23:5). Their prayers were ornate and used as a public display of their pretended righteousness (Matt. 6:5).

What did John look like? Jesus asked the Jews of his day what did they see when they saw John in the wilderness. The Lord said he was not a man clothed in soft garments, for those who wear soft clothing live in the kings’ palaces (Matt. 11:8). You know his clothing and his diet. He was clothed in

camel’s hair with a leather belt and ate locust and wild honey (Matt. 3:4). He did not look like any religious leader of his day, yet look at the impact he had. “Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized of him, confessing their sins” (Matt. 3:5-6).

Some thought John was Elijah who had come returned to the earth, perhaps because his clothing was like that of the prophet (2 Kings 1:8). Some thought he was that Prophet who was to come and be like Moses (Deut. 18:18). Others thought he was the Messiah. John denied that he was any of these (John 1:20-21).

Who was John and what made him so great? Two Old Testament prophets foretold his coming and described the work he would do which made his so great. That testament ends with a prophecy about his coming before the Messiah, and Isaiah described him as the voice in the wilderness as the forerunner of the Christ (Mal. 4:5-6; Isa. 40:3-5). Jesus himself said that John was “...more than a prophet” (Matt. 11:9).

What made him so great? Almost all of those holy men of old talked about the coming of the Messiah in various ways. John not only talked about Him, John said He is here— “Behold the Lamb of God” (John 1:29).

By the way, there is someone other than Jesus who is greater than John living on the earth today—read Matt. 11:11.

Have we overlooked a man greater than any person in the Old Testament?



By David Sproule

21 Biblical Meditations During Communion (Part 3 of 4)

Each week, the faithful child of God looks forward to that blessed opportunity to commune with the Savior around His table, as he remembers His Lord’s death, discerns His Lord’s body and examines himself. This series of articles has examined the Biblical importance of doing that properly every Sunday and has sought to offer some practical and Biblical ways to fulfill this each week. The last article began a listing of 21 different aspects of Christ’s crucifixion upon which our minds can meditate as we partake. Perhaps a Christian could focus on one of these (and read the Biblical passages) each week as he communes. We will continue where we left off.

9. Read and meditate on the three trials before Jewish authorities, including the vile treatment that Jesus received from His enemies and the vehement denial He received from a friend (John 18:12-28; Matt. 26:57-27:2; Mark 14:53-15:1; Luke 22:54-23:1).

10. Read and meditate on the three trials before civil authorities, including the false testimony, the contemptuous conduct and the viciously-frenzied mob (Matt. 27:11-25; Mark 15:2-14; Luke 23:2-25; John 18:28-40; 19:6-16).

11. Read and meditate on the merciless, violent, humiliating and unwarranted Roman scourging of Jesus, including

the mockery of a crown of thorns (Matt. 27:26-31; Mark 15:15-20; John 19:1-5).

12. Read and meditate on Jesus’ agonizing journey to Golgotha, when He was made to bear His own cross, along with two criminals (Matt. 27:32-34; Mark 15:20-23; Luke 23:26-32; John 19:16-17).

13. Read and meditate on the nails being driven into His precious body and the excruciating events of those first three hours on the cross (Matt. 27:35-44; Mark 15:24-32; Luke 23:33-43; John 19:18-27).

14. Read and meditate on the dark and harrowing events of the last three hours on the cross (Matt. 27:45-50; Mark 15:33-37; Luke 23:44-46; John 19:28-30).

15. Read and meditate on the actions and events that took place immediately after His death, including the earth’s shuddering response, the spear thrust through His side and His burial among the dead (Matt. 27:51-66; Mark 15:38-47; Luke 23:47-56; John 19:31-42).

There is so much heart-breaking, life-changing detail for our minds to discern as we commune each week. So far we have considered fifteen different aspects of His crucifixion upon which we can meditate. We can focus on a different one each week. More to come in next week’s article.

We can focus on a different one each week.



By Josh Blackmer

Before the Election (Part 2)

So, they debated this week. The only thing that can be certain is that one of them will be president. No matter the outcome of the election, I will continue to trust God. He is still Lord, and He continues to uphold us with His righteous right hand (Isa. 41:10). Before the election we must remember that our true citizenship is not here.

Paul wrote these words to the church in Philippi, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20). This was a city that was a colony of Rome and was a place where Roman soldiers would retire. Being a Roman citizen afforded you certain privileges (Acts 16:38). It was looked favorably upon, especially if you were born a citizen and did not buy your citizenship. Not everyone was or could be a Roman. For the Lord to emphasize heavenly citizenship over Roman binds us all under a common banner. "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household" (Eph. 2:19). Many of the people that lived in the Roman empire were strangers and aliens to that ruling culture. Even more so, Christians felt as aliens and strangers to every culture as they were ostracized and looked down upon. Peter mentions this, "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered

throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure" (1 Pet. 1:1-2). Again, "Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles" (1 Pet. 2:11-12a). This world is not our focus.

Remember our citizenship.

We sing the song that says, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through." The question is, do we live and think that way? We should beware of becoming so attached to things in this world like parties, flags, documents, or ideals. Those things can render us fruitless and unprepared for the Lord's coming (Luke 8:14; 21:34). We must guard against the love of this world, including politics. "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever" (1 John 2:15-17). We should vote, we can have pride in our country, and it's not wrong to serve our country. However, zeal for my country should never outshine my Love for God and His kingdom.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"I just feel in my heart"

We might hear someone say something and think, "I feel like that's got to be right." We might read a news report online and think, "I feel like that's the right thing to do." We might see a friend choose a certain path and think, "I feel like they're ok in that." We may be faced with a choice ourselves and think, "I feel like my choice is the best way to go."

In some situations, choices and actions may not matter. Whether you buy creamy peanut butter over crunchy peanut butter is really immaterial and has no spiritual or eternal ramifications. BUT, when it comes to right and wrong...when it comes to truth and error...when it comes to sinful or not sinful...when it comes to pleasing to God or not pleasing to God, that's when our feelings need to be brought into check and made submissive to the revealed will of God. "There is a way that seems (or feels, DS) right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Prov. 16:25). May God help us to separate Divine truth from human feelings and follow the former and control the latter. – DS



"Everybody hates me, but that's ok"

Children grow up and they want to be liked...to be accepted...to fit in and belong. When that doesn't happen, they often wonder, "What's wrong with me?" Further, they sometimes will change who they are, how they behave, how they talk, how they dress, in order to be liked and accepted by certain people. Are adults much different?

We all want to be accepted. So, when we are not, it's a hard pill to swallow. But, stop and think. If being a Christian is what is preventing me from being liked by others, is that a bad thing? Do I need to change who I am, how I behave, how I talk or how I dress, in order that certain people will accept me?

The Bible says, "Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you" (1 John 3:13). Jesus would have you to "know that it hated Me before it hated you" (John 15:18). The only way to get them to stop hating you is "if you were of the world" (15:19). God forbid that ever happening! May I focus on God's love (and acceptance) more than the world's hate (and rejection)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Adrienne Banks	medications being adjusted, not feeling well
Chuck Clark	having outpatient sinus surgery on Friday
Mary Coombs	cataract surgeries were postponed
Glen Dawson	discharged from the hospital
Patricia Hackshaw	now at home, undergoing therapy
Dan Johnson	recovering at home
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Sallie Moses	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery
Linda Studer	under Hospice Care at home

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Inell Ingram	Courtyard Gardens (Jupiter)
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Don & Betty Matter
Annie Faison	Deidra Miley
Dianne Frye	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Les Sawyer
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joe Holland	Patricia Ventress



Rose Martens & family, upon the passing of Tom, on Tuesday, September 29. The funeral services will be in our building on Saturday, October 3. The visitation will start at 10:00 a.m. The funeral will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Terry Mann, upon the passing of his brother, Tommy Mann, on Sunday, September 27.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Rena DeV Vaughn	Adrienne Banks' sister, undergoing cancer treatments
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
Don Fields	Trish Clark's father, melanoma cancer on his head again
Adrienne Gatlin	Pat Patterson's daughter, undergoing cancer treatments
Mike Hayes	Dion Hayes' brother, out of the hospital and improving
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, under Hospice Care
Scott Macdonald	Janet Macdonald's husband, recovering at home
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, dealing with health issues
Terry West	Amy West's father, recovering from surgery

Remember Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna



Church Family Calendar of Events

All Events Are Subject to Change.

Sunday, October 4

- ◆ **Regular Bible Class & Worship Schedule.** See page 7 for details.
- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Monday, October 5

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room with social distancing being practiced.
- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Tuesday, October 6

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room with social distancing being practiced.

Wednesday, October 7

- ◆ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. See page 7 for children's classroom locations.

Thursday, October 8

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Online Zoom Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Members of Group 2 will receive an email with a link to click to join the Bible Study.

Sunday, October 11

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Thursday, October 15

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Online Zoom Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Members of Group 3 will receive an email with a link to click to join the Bible Study.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Monday, October 5

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Tuesday, October 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller.

Monday, November 2

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Tuesday, November 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 7

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Monday, October 5

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Sunday, October 11

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, October 17

- ◆ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth. See Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, October 23

- ◆ **Sr. High Fall Fest** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crofts. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Sunday, October 25

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

2020 VISION: SEEING WHAT GOD SEES



“BLESSED ARE THE EYES WHICH SEE THE THINGS YOU SEE” **LUKE 10:23**

October

**SEE
SIN**

*“Watch yourselves carefully”
(Deut. 2:4)*

“...always abounding in the work of the Lord...” (1 Cor. 15:58)

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
September 27

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Tracy Durandisse; Miss Carmen Dussard; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. Jesse Hover; Mr. Sean Macdonald; Ms. Danielle Thunderhawk; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Janna Allen, Riverview, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Cindy Beard, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Eli & Kristen Dye, Addison, TX; Miss Lauren Fuller, Franklin, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller, Kennesaw, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Lance Hayes, Plainview, TX.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Monday (October 5th)
Rosa Nash

Thursday (October 8th) cont.
Bessie Walker
Betty White

Wednesday (October 7th)
Hollie Crotts
Patricia Hackshaw

Friday (October 9th)
Lawrence Williams

Thursday (October 8th)
Donna Erickson
Norma Mariano

Saturday (October 10th)
Eldra & Grace Judge (Ann.)
Dirk Summerlot



Directory Changes

Connye Plouffe no longer has a home phone number. She is only using her cell phone.

Chris & Brittany Thompson moved to Tennessee.



Thank you so much for the prayers, beautiful flowers and cards. They really mean a lot during this difficult time. You all have truly showed your love and support.

Leslie Williams

News & Notes

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Sunday Worship Services

All Bible classes and worship services will be at the church building this week and will be webcast live from our website.

Worship Services for Sunday, October 4

9:00 a.m. Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship for ALL
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship for ALL

Bible Class for Wednesday, October 7

7:00 pm. Meet in the Auditorium

Leading Singing Dion Hayes
Invitation Graysen Hayes
Family Prayer Cam Crotts

(We will have a devotional, the Family Prayer, then be dismissed to classes)

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Sep. 27</u>	<u>Aug. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	110	109
Sun. AM Worship	177	179
Sun. PM Worship	82	101
Wed. Bible Study	133	108
Contribution	\$12,605	\$15,110

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$15,444

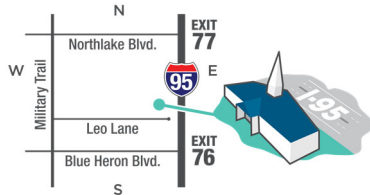
Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.



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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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The Gospel Enacted

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Jesus the Christ
His Death, Burial and Resurrection
For the Sins of Man

Death

Burial

Resurrection

Searching for TRUTH

The Gospel Re-enacted in Baptism

(Obeying The Gospel)

Romans 6:3-4

In Baptism
We Repent of Sin and Die to Sin
We are Buried in Water for the Remission of Sins
We are Raised to Walk in a New Life

Dead to Sin

Buried in Water

Resurrected to a New Life