

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

Who Is This

Matthew 21: 8 – 11

Christ came into the world to make his life a ransom for the sins of the world. His promises of forgiveness and eternal life was given unto us because he became a willing sacrifice on the cross for all humanity. Sadly, mankind today does not want the real Jesus, the one who can save them from their sins, and from the dominion of Satan and that of worldliness. This Christ, the one who delivers mankind from death, by granting unto all who will freely accept, eternal life through faith in him and his saving grace, this Christ is just merely mankind's hope, one that they believe will grant them their ultimate desires of, health, wealth, and power in his world. But Christ came not to give unto us the things of the world, but to give unto us peace of mind, in the love of God, for salvation is found in no other.

Matthew 28: 8 – 11,....and a very great multitude spread their garments in the way, others cut down branches....and the multitudes that went before....cried....blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord....and when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, who is this....

This is what we would like to talk about for a moment, who is this.

Those who do not know Christ, want to know who he is, but are far from accepting him as their savior and allowing him to control their life. This is due to the fact that, humanity is still looking for a savior and a provider without giving up the worldly desires that has control over them, and therefore committing their lives to God. Although rejection by humanity is inevitable because of sinfulness, Christ still came into the world to make his life a ransom for the sins of the world.

John 3: 17,....for God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved....

It was out of Gods love, and not his wrath, that he gave his only begotten Son. Once one believes unto salvation, then eternal condemnation has been erased. Sadly, many believers continue to live their lives under the fear of condemnation because they do not read the word of God. They do not study, they do not meditate, and what they do read, they are not putting their trust in the word of God.

So, who is this man that had so much compassion, especially for those who continually reject him.

Isaiah 53: 1 – 12,....who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed....there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men....surely he hath borne our griefs....he was wounded for our transgressions....the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted....he was cut off out of the land of the living....he made his grace with the wicked....it pleased the Lord to bruise him....he shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied....therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong....

In spite of all the prophecies given in the word of God, still only a few would believe in the coming messiah, and even less would recognize him as a humble servant, who came as a sacrificial lamb, for all of humanity, a sacrificial lamb even to those who would persecute and crucify him. The mystery of who Christ truly is, lies within the humility that he showed when he entered into his own creation, which had fallen into sinfulness, due to deception, and would appear to those, whom he had come to save, only to be forsaken, despised and rejected, this all done by those whom he came to deliver out of bondage. Christ, this one who was despised and rejected by all men, a suffering servant, a man of sorrows, and yet before we were saved by his grace through faith, we could not have cared less. This is due to the fact that we are quick to lust after false teachers and to follow after the deceptive doctrines of the religious practices of others.

Due to Gods graciousness and his unlimited mercy, he implemented the plan of salvation, which is the only possible way for the forgiveness of every sin in which we have committed. All have sinned and are in need of a savior, and all have access to this incredible free gift of salvation. As we look at the world in which we live, selfishness and unrighteousness dominate our daily lives. Gods plan to recover mankind from this selfish, unrighteous condition is based upon the sacrifice of Christ and the cross. This righteousness comes through the teaching and obedience of Gods word.

Acts 17: 30 – 31,....and the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent, because ha hath appointed a day, in which he will, judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained, whereof he hath given assurance unto all men. In that he hath raised him from the dead....

Who is this, this is God, that has fixed a day when he is going to judge the world in his righteousness. And this judgement will take place through a man, whom God himself has appointed, a man resurrected and given the authority to judge all mankind. This man is Christ, and the world needs to know the truth of the gospel of his grace, and that is, that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and then raised from the dead, so that all who would believe upon him would not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3: 16,....for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son so that whosoever believeth on him, should not perish, but have everlasting life....

With this we are advised, that judgement will come, and is coming. For those who have trusted in Christ as their savior, their sins have already been judged at the cross. For those who reject his free gift of salvation, they will have to stand before Christ as condemned sinners, awaiting punishment in hell. That is why Christ has appointed unto all believers to preach Christ and him crucified. To have the ability to let mankind know that there is forgiveness of sins and life everlasting for all who will trust in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So, who is this.

Zechariah 9: 9,....rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout O daughter of Jerusalem, behold, thy King cometh unto thee, he is just, and having salvation, lowly and riding upon a donkey, and upon a colt the foal of a donkey....

Christ in his first coming, came as a humble, suffering servant, but also as one who had total authority from the Father over all people and over every event that was to take place. Christ was not a helpless victim, no one was able to take his life from him, he laid it down of his own free will. Christ, who controls all things, according to his purpose, even the events of his death, all of this he done so that mankind would have the ability to choose him as their savior, submitting to his desires as a lifelong process of his salvation within us. Therefore we can rejoice when we tell others of his coming, because he has borne our sins and has given unto all who will accept it, his eternal life. This is who he is.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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