

Morning Worship

February 7, 2016

Pastor — Allan Lane	Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel
Worship Leader — Tim Waters	Piano — Sharon Waters
As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.	
(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)	
Chorus # 213	"We Will Glorify"
	Tim/People
Worship Prayer	Allan Lane
Welcome and Fellowship	Allan/People
Hymn # 217	"Oh, How I Love Jesus"
	Tim/People
Offering Prayer	Bill Schottel
Tithes and Offerings	People
Offering Music	Sharon Waters
Hymn # 261	"Wonderful Words of Life"
	Tim/People
Anthem	"You've Got His Word"
	Worship Choir
Hymn # 405	"Have Faith in God"
	Tim/People
Chorus # 212	"I Love You, Lord"
	Tim/People
Children's Worship	(Children are dismissed)
Scripture Reading	Allan/People
Message	Allan Lane
Hymn # 295	"Near to the Heart of God"
	Tim/People
Prayer Concerns	Allan/People
Chorus of # 567	"Share His Love"
	Tim/People

Was Jesus Really God?

Luke 22:63-71

Too often we make assumptions about people that can be completely wrong. Many today are making false assumptions about Jesus. Jesus is more than a good teacher or a moral person or a great prophet. Jesus claimed to be God. Let's look at why you can't ignore, disregard or minimize Jesus being the Son of God.

1) Jesus Himself Claimed It.

Look at His words and let them speak for themselves.

1. "And they all said, "Are You the Son of God then?" and He said to them "Yes, I am" (**Luke 22:70**). This is the reason they crucified Jesus. He claimed to be the Son of God. They couldn't find anything else that He did wrong.
2. "Truly, truly, I say to you before Abraham was born, I am" (**John 8:58**).
3. "I and the Father are one" (**John 10:30**).

The Jews knew what He was saying. In verse 33 they were going to stone Him and the reason they gave was: "for blasphemy; and because You being a man make Yourself out to be God."

Think of the power of these statements. Think of the boldness of someone making these statements. Jesus is not claiming to be divine or one of the "gods" as Roman emperors did. He is claiming to be God Himself. Not a good teacher, not showing us a way, but boldly saying "I am God." You can't skirt around Jesus making these claims. They were boldly made.

2) The Contemporaries of Jesus Claimed It.

Peter -- "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." **Matthew 16:16**

Thomas -- "My Lord and my God" **John 20:20**

John - "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." **John 1:1**

Paul - "Immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues saying, 'He is the Son of God.'" **Acts 9:20**

Stephen - "I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." **Acts 7:56**

All of these men were martyrs for maintaining that Jesus was the Son of God and had risen from the dead. If it were a carefully crafted lie, the odds are there would be at least one defection.

The early church fathers also claimed his deity. Men such as **Clement of Alexandria in 190 AD, Theophilus in AD 160, and Irenaeus 190 AD**. The Church fathers affirmed the deity of Christ, His being of the same substance as the Father and also His active role in creation. Not only did Jesus claim His deity, others claimed it as well and worshiped Him as God.

3) The Bible Claims It.

William Biederwolf said, "A man who can read the New Testament and not see that Christ claims more than a man who can look all over the sky at high noon on a cloudless day and not see the sun."

Here are some other places in Scripture that claim the deity of Jesus.

- **Romans 9:5** "Christ who is God over all, forever praised."
- **Titus 2:13** "Our God and Savior"
- **Colossians 2:9** "For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form"
- **Philippians 2:10** – "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord to the glory of God the Father."
- **The Revelation of John** – presents Him as the King of Kings the Lord of Lords the supreme ruler and sovereign of all who will one day rule and reigns over all the earth.

He is called in the New Testament the Creator, the Maker and sustainer of all things. By looking at His many names in the Bible they testify of His greatness, they testify of His uniqueness, they testify of His divinity, and testify that He is the Son of God.

Billy Sunday once said in a sermon:

"There are two hundred and fifty-six names given in the Bible for the Lord Jesus Christ, and I suppose this was because He was infinitely beyond all that any one name could express."

When we see this, all we can do is what Thomas the apostle did. – fall on our knees and profess, "My Lord and My God."

4) Fulfilled Prophecies Claim It.

Fulfilled Prophecies claim His deity in a powerful and scientific way. Last week we settled the fact that The Bible is God's Word. God wrote it through the agency of men who were inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit.

Since it is from God, it can accurately predict things that will happen years or centuries before they occur.

Someone said there are roughly 332 distinct predictions in the Old Testament concerning the coming Messiah by different prophets and holy men given over a span of about 2000 years. The Old Testament was completed in about 450 B.C., or about 450 years before Jesus was born. Guess what? ALL 332 predictions are fulfilled in Jesus.

These prophecies range from the manner of His birth, the place of His birth, to how and with whom He would die. Some have said Jesus just read the prophecies and then followed them. Maybe that would work with some of them, but what about the ones concerning His birth? What about the ones concerning His death? Can't you just hear Jesus asking "Could you please hang me next to a couple of thieves and please do not break my legs?"

Sounds silly doesn't it.

5) The Resurrection Claims It.

The fact that Jesus defeated death and rose from the dead is the strongest claim to His deity. Of all miracles associated with the life of Jesus, this miracle stands head and shoulders above the rest. Of all the miracles, this one testifies above them all that Jesus is God.

"Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4). No religion had such a beginning. No religion ever claimed this. No one has ever done this one before. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the forever distinguishing mark of Christianity.

Hank Hanegraaff, who heads up CRI (Christian Research Institute) wrote this: "The Resurrection is not merely important to the historic Christian faith —without it there would be no Christianity. It elevates Christianity above all other world religions. Through the Resurrection Christ demonstrated that He does not stand in a line of peers with Abraham, Buddha, Confucius, or Muhammad. Jesus Christ is utterly unique. He had the power not only to lay down His life, but also to take it up again."

The evidence for the Resurrection is abundant enough for a person to believe beyond a reasonable doubt. Three things stand out as evidence to the reality of Christ's resurrection:

1. The Empty Tomb

To publicly proclaim that Jesus had been raised from the dead while His body remained inside a sealed tomb would have been the height of folly. Surely the Jewish leaders or the Roman Government would have produced the Body of Jesus and exposed the whole affair as a farce. They never did. The tomb was empty. The tomb is still empty.

It was sealed and made secure by the highest authority of the land – the Roman Government. Men under the penalty of death were ordered to seal and watch the tomb. He arose. No human, earthly or religious power could hold the Prince of Life.

2. Eyewitness Testimony

We have on record at least 10 separate appearances of Christ after his death and burial which are presented as a fact. These post-resurrection appearances of Christ were not limited to a few emotional followers a short time after His execution. Jesus appeared to several, including 500 at one time over a period of 40 days.

The witnesses were intelligent, responsible people who were all under the sentence of death for maintaining what they witnessed.

One could say, "Well, it was a conspiracy." The people who were witnesses died for their belief and witness that Jesus was resurrected. If it were untrue, knowingly untrue, at least one would have cracked. Self-preservation is too strong a drive for people to die for a deliberate lie.

There were hostile witnesses as well. There were the Romans who were hostile to Jesus and the early believers. They didn't want anyone claiming to be King or Messiah. With all their governmental authority and ability, if they could have they would have produced the dead body of Jesus. But they didn't. Because they couldn't. The fact of the resurrection was not disputed.

3. The Beginning of the Church

After the crucifixion of Christ, the disciples were in no shape to give their lives so completely to what appeared to be a failed cause. So how do you explain the inception of a movement with such a vast impact on an antagonistic culture except by the means of a cataclysmic miracle?

If God did become man, then we would expect Him to have a lasting and universal influence. Jesus Christ, through His church has made such a tremendous impact on humanity that even after 2000 years, the impact has not worn off.

The early church's message was Jesus is the Son of God arisen from the dead. In regards to the church – a powerful witness was the Jews who observed centuries of religious tradition, to break that tradition to meet the 1st day of the week and follow Jesus.

Conclusion

Today Jesus has been portrayed as a unique being unparalleled in history or experience. More than just acknowledging His greatness or knowing facts about His deity, He wants you to know Him personally. Jesus has done it all to bring you closer to God, to make a way for you to come to God, by bearing all of your sins and being risen from the dead to come into your life and create a new heart and a new life.

Along Interstate 10 in Louisiana there once was a large billboard that caught the eye of all who passed by. It stood high above the city just as you start up to the Mississippi River Bridge. On it was a picture of Jesus Christ hanging on the cross of Calvary with His head bowed. The caption underneath in bold letters reads, "It's Your Move!"

It implied that Jesus has already taken the initiative for you to go to heaven, for you to come to God. Now it's your move. You must choose to receive Him. What will you do?

It's Your Move!

Surrendered to Jesus

History knows them as the forty martyrs of Sebaste. They were soldiers in the famed Twelfth Legion of Rome's Imperial Army around A.D. 320. One day the captain informed his troops that Emperor Licinius had sent down an edict commanding all soldiers to offer a sacrifice to his pagan god. Forty of the soldiers were followers of Christ, and they refused. "You can have our armor and even our bodies, but our hearts' allegiance belongs to Jesus Christ," they said.

The emperor decided to make an example of the soldiers, so in the middle of winter he marched them onto a frozen lake and stripped them of their clothes. "Renounce your God and you will be spared from death," he told them. Not one man came forward. So he left them there, huddled together to contemplate his offer. Throughout the night the men stayed together, singing their song of victory: *Forty Martyrs for Christ*.

When morning came, thirty-nine of the men had frozen to death. The one survivor finally relented and crawled to safety, recanting his confession of faith in order to live. The officer in charge that night had been so moved by the scene that during his watch he'd confessed faith in Jesus, so he broke rank and walked out onto the ice. Stripping his clothes he openly confessed his faith in Christ. The furious emperor demanded that he renounce Jesus, but he refused. When the ordeal was over, the Roman soldiers carried forty frozen men off of the ice.

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) was born into the musical family of Bachs in 1685. By the age of ten, both of his parents were dead. Early in his friction-filled life, young Johann determined he would write music ... music for the glory of God ... and this he did.

Most of Bach's works are explicitly Biblical. Albert Schweitzer referred to him as "The Fifth Evangelist," thus comparing him to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. At age 17 Bach became the organist at his church; soon thereafter he was given charge of the entire music ministry.

During his ministry in Weimar, Germany he wrote a new cantata every month. During one three-year period he wrote, conducted, orchestrated, and performed (with his choir and orchestra) a new cantata every week.

No one had any idea what a mark Bach would leave on history. His legacy lives on some 300 years later. You can hear his music at will. At the beginning of every authentic manuscript one will find the letters "J.J." This stands for *Jesu Java* (Jesus help me). At the end of each original manuscript you will find the letters "S.D.G." This stands for *Soli Deo Gloria* (to the glory of God).

Bach is a reminder that one who gives his life to Jesus and serves Him does not count it a loss. Mark 8:35 says "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it."

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, February 7, 2016

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Nursery: Volunteers as needed
Ushers: Larry McKahan, Isaac Waters,
 Ken Kirkpatrick, Bill Schottel
Alternate: Steven Buckley

January Bible Study — Noon

No Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

Thursday, February 9

SJBA Board Mtg.6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 10

Prayer Warriors..... 10:00 am
Youth Study..... 6:30 pm
Prayer / Bible Study 6:30 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 11

R Team.....6:30 pm

Sunday, February 14, 2016

Happy Valentines Day

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:15 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Nursery: Volunteers as needed
Ushers: Steven Buckley, Ken Nice,
 Don Sharp, Fred Kerns

Alternate: Isaac Waters

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

Monday, February 15

President's Day!

Wednesday, February 17

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm
Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 18

O Team.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

February 7 — January Bible Study— 2 Corinthians, at Noon

February 10 — Prayer Warriors 10 am

February 12 — Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

February 14 — Valentines Day

February 15 — Presidents' Day

February 21 — Food Pantry Collection Day

— January Bible Study— 2 Corinthians, at Noon

February 22 — George Washington's Birthday

February 25 — Patee Park Food Pantry

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

Sunday Nights

We will not have Sunday Evening Service here tonight, but join us for January Bible Study at noon. Watch the weekly schedule to know when we will meet during the month of February.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

We will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Prayer matters!

Financial Statements

Linda Dotson, recording secretary, has prepared the financial statements for 2015. If you did not receive a statement, but need one for tithes and offerings you have given, please let us know. We are glad to help. Remember that gifts not given in an offering envelope cannot be recorded.

Prayer Warriors

10 am Wednesday,
February 10

Please join us for this time of
intercessory prayer.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your recent donation to our food pantry. We appreciate your faithfulness in helping us meet the needs of others.

God Bless you,
Maggie Wall
Patee Park Baptist
Food Pantry

Food Pantry

February 21, is our collection day for Patee Park Food Pantry. You may donate monetarily or you may place your canned or boxed goods in the

hallway basket any time.

**Diversicare
Nursing Home
February 28, 2016 at 2:30 pm**

Please join us as we minister to those who can no longer attend their own churches.

For the Record-

Attendance: January 31, 2016

Sunday School.....	50
Visitors.....	4
Total.....	54
Contacts Made.....	1
Morning Worship.....	60
Children's Worship	19
January Bible Study.....	20
Sunday Night	N/A
Wednesday Night	14

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received...	\$ 1,986.10

Offering Received by Mail:

February Counting Team:

Larry McKahan and Jordan Lane

February Van Driver:

Mike Green

Remember to call 232-3747

before 8 am if you need a ride.

February Member Birthdays:

05...Matthew Mayse

February Anniversaries

George and Brenda Burgess

February 25, 1995

Prayer Requests ...

Ken Nice—surgery recovery
Kathryn Seedorf—Sharon's mother
Alicia McKinnon—healing
Joyce Izer—pray for healing
LoLeta Middleton—eye infection
Bill Schottel—healing
Maxine and George Ferbert
Betty Anslinger—February 25 surgery
Sue Higgins—regain strength
Buddy Means—Mary Sharp's nephew
Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—
 Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law
Bill Haskins—strength
Stacy Gray—cancer treatment
Muriel Elder—surgery recovery
Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris' Richardson's sisters
Grant Schottel—advanced training
Henrietta Caballero—Brigida's Sister
Austin Chalfant—Abby's nephew
Gary and Marilyn Singleton—health
Bob Barquist—cancer
Lester Buck Kathryn Beavers
Louanne Laurence Dorothy Post
Allen Jennings Ann Riddle
Jim Winans Jozy Winans
Nellie Reynolds Leona Reynolds
Kevin Duty Kenny Duty
Madeline Swink Bobby Griswold
Susan Patten Debbie Sands
Brenda Burgess Judy Anderson
Carolyn Houts Roscoe Lane
Keon McKahan Dorothy Post
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People

Our Nation and Leaders

Our Military Service people

Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
