

Morning Worship

July 28, 2019

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ ---

Worship Leader — Romey Keith Davis

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.

(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)

Welcome and Fellowship		Allan/People
Scripture Reading		Romey Keith Davis
Hymn # 16	<i>O Worship the King</i>	Romey/People
Worship Prayer		Allan Lane
Hymn # 15	<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	Romey/People
Offering Prayer		Fred Kerns
Tithes and Offerings		People
Offering Music		
Hymn # 277	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	Romey/People
Hymn # 281	<i>Speak to My Heart</i>	Romey/People
Special Music		
Message		Bro. Allan
Hymn # 317	<i>Only Trust Him</i>	Romey/People
Prayer Concerns		Allan/People
Closing Chorus # 194	<i>The King is Coming</i>	Romey/People

Jesus Does the Difficult

John 1:1-18

On January 12, 2007, Joshua Bell emerged from the Washington D.C. Metro and positioned himself against a wall beside a trash basket in the station. He was a young white man in jeans, a long-sleeved T-shirt, and a Washington Nationals baseball cap, pretty nondescript. From a small case, he removed a violin; and placing the open case at his feet, he shrewdly threw in a few dollars and pocket change as seed money and began to play. (You can see it on YouTube Video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnOPu0_YWhw)

For the next few hours, Bell played Mozart and Schubert as over 1,000 people streamed by, most hardly taking notice. If they had paid attention, they might have recognized the young man as a world-renowned violinist. They also might have noted the violin he played – a rare Stradivarius worth over \$3 million. It was all part of a project arranged by The Washington Post, what they called “an experiment in context, perception, and priorities – as well as an unblinking assessment of public taste.” The Washington Post wanted to know, “In an ordinary setting, at an inconvenient time, would beauty transcend?”

Just three days earlier, Joshua Bell sold out Boston Symphony Hall, with ordinary seats going for \$100. In the subway, Bell collected about \$32 from the 27 people who stopped long enough to give a donation.

On a particular day, over 2,000 years ago, God entered our ordinary world, but very few people hardly noticed Him. Even to this day, some might throw Him a tip,

attend a worship service, but do they really know who He is? After all, when God became a man, He was born to a peasant girl and laid in a feeding trough. He was just another baby, but if we pay attention, we'll find that He's so much more than what He seems on the surface.

So if you have your Bibles, turn with me to John 1. I know we were here just a few weeks ago, but it is a great place to begin as we talk about why Jesus is our hero. We said last week that real heroes will stand alone for what is right, make sacrifices for others, and are willing to take risks for God. Jesus is my hero because He is willing to do difficult things.

1. Jesus is Lord .

A. He is with God.

He is the Sovereign King of the Universe, the God of all gods and the Lord of all Lords. John calls Him "the Word" – or logos in the original Greek. It's the term the Greeks used in John's day to talk about the "Controlling Reason of the Universe." They had many gods with many names, but the Supreme God, the Ultimate Intelligence of the Universe, they called Him logos – the Word. Jesus is the Word, the God of all gods, which means He is eternal. He has no beginning and no end (John 1:1). At the very beginning of time, the Word already existed. Jesus had no beginning. He is the eternal God, and He is equal with God. Literally, "The Word was TOWARDS God", or FACE TO FACE with Him. Jesus was not only WITH God in terms of being in the same place. He was WITH God on equal terms – in His face, so to speak.

If we were to have the opportunity to visit Washington D.C. and go to the White House and the Capital Building you just might catch a glimpse of some of the most powerful people in the world! You can be in the same building "with" the President or "with" the Speaker of the House, but none of us could ever be "WITH" these people on equal terms. We would be just tourists.

The only people who are WITH the president or WITH the Speaker are cabinet members, other representatives, and other senators. They make and enforce laws together. They walk together, sharing private conversations. They sit together as equals around the dinner table or in a conference room.

In the same way, Jesus is WITH God. He is NOT a tourist in the same place as God. He is WITH God on equal terms, and they are running the universe together.

B. He is God.

Jesus is the eternal God. He is equal with God, and He is in His very essence God. John 1:1 says, "The Word was God" – the very God of the very God. Not "a god" like some claim, but THE God of the universe. In fact, Jesus is the Creator God, the One who made everything there is (John 1:3). Jesus made it all. It didn't come from blind chance as some seem to think.

Michael Egnor is one who once thought this way. He is a leading brain surgeon, who after years of rigorous, scientific training was sure a scientific worldview was incompatible with any form of religion. Ironically, it was science itself that showed him how wrong he was.

Egnor explained, "As a science major in college, I was steeped in Darwinian evolution, which seemed to demonstrate that life could be explained perfectly well by material mechanisms alone. There was no reason to invoke God."

Over the years, Egnor rose to the top of his field. He was appointed professor and vice president of neurosurgery at Stony Brook University and became an award-winning brain surgeon. New York Magazine named him one of New York's best doctors.

One of his specialties is the treatment of hydrocephalus ("water on the brain"), and while developing a theory of blood flow to the brain, his research took a surprising turn. He realized the cranial system he was studying was like an ingeniously designed gadget. The filter that protects the delicate capillaries from the pulsating force of the heartbeat is a finely tuned mechanism like the vibration dampers widely used in engineering. "In fact," Engor said, "most of what I needed to know was not in biology textbooks but in engineering textbooks."

Eventually, Engor realized that virtually all biological research operates on the presumption of design. His presumption led him to faith in a Designer, and then to faith in Christ as the Designer of all things.

There is no question. Jesus is the eternal God, equal with God, and in His very essence, God. Jesus is Lord, so we must bow down and worship Him. More than that...

2. Jesus is Light .

A. His light reveals truth .

Jesus is the truth. He is the One who shines in all the dark places, dispelling deceit and bringing life (John 1:4). His light brings life. The ancients in John's day believed that air, water, food and light were all necessary to sustain life. Well, in the Gospel of John, Jesus is all four of these things. He gives the "Breath of Life" (John 3:8; 20:22). He is the "Water of Life" (John 4:10, 13-14). He is the "Bread of Life" (John 6:35ff). And here, He is the "Light of Life" (John 1:4). Even a tiny flame will dispel the darkness. In the same way, the truth always wins out in the end, and Jesus is that truth. He overcomes the darkness of deceit. He conquers the lies of men and demons (John 1:5).

B. His light reveals life .

John was not the light, only a reflection of the light (John 1:6-9). Jesus came into the world, not so much to give light to everyone, but to shine on everyone. In other words, as the truth Jesus exposes the deceit in everyone's heart. He brings to light the lies. He reveals the sins hidden deep within. That's why so many reject Him (John 1:10-11).

C. His light reveals darkness .

The world did not acknowledge Him, and His own people did not accept Him (John 1:12-13). The new birth is not a natural birth; it is a supernatural one. It is only for those who receive Jesus. So, if you want a new life as a child of God, welcome Jesus into your life. Receive the light of His presence, and let Him expose the sin in your heart.

Stephen Kingsley of Craigmont, Idaho, runs a carpet cleaning business in which he offers a special service for removing pet urine odors. To show potential customers their need for the service, he darkens the room and then turns on a powerful black light. The black light causes the urine crystals to glow brightly.

To the horror of the homeowner, every drop and dribble can be seen, not only on the carpet, but also on the walls, drapes, furniture, and even on the lamp shades. One homeowner begged him to shut off the light: "I can't bear to see anymore. I don't care what it costs. Please clean it up!" Another woman said, "I'll never be comfortable in my home again."

The problem was there all the time, but it was invisible until the right light exposed it. Now, it would have been cruel for Kingsley to show his customers the extent of their problem, tell them "that's too bad for you," and walk away. No. He brought the light so that they might desperately want his cleaning services.

And that's exactly why Christ came. He brought the light of His presence not to make you feel bad, but to expose the dirt so He can clean it up. Won't you let Him do that for you? Stop trying to mask the pain and hide the sin. Instead, welcome Jesus into your life, and let Him clean you up. Let Him change you from the inside out, making you like Him.

Jesus is so much more than what He seems. He is Lord – Worship Him. He is Light – Welcome Him. And finally:

3. Jesus is Love .

A. He blesses unconditionally.

He is full of grace and truth. That is to say He wants to bless you unconditionally, not condemn you for breaking the law (John 1:14). God became a man and literally "pitched His tent among us." Some of His original followers saw the overwhelming brightness of His glory, but they also knew Him to be full of grace and truth. He was always honest, but He never condemned those who were honest about their own sin (John 1:15). Even though Jesus was born up to six months after John, He existed long before John, because He is the eternal God. Think about that. The eternal God took on human flesh and became one of us.

Dr. Rachel Eckhardt from Berlin, Germany, uses an "Age Man Suit" to help her young medical students empathize with their elderly patients. The Age Man Suit has ear-protectors that stifle hearing, a yellow visor that blurs eyesight and makes it hard to distinguish colors, knee and elbow pads which stiffen the joints, a Kevlar-style vest which presses uncomfortably against the chest, and padded gloves. It's has been custom-made to simulate the physical consequences of old age.

When Dr. Eckhardt straps the suit onto her med students, she tells them, "Welcome to old age." She wants to turn these energetic, young people temporarily into "slow, creaking beings" with the hope that they will develop "a feeling for what it's like to be old." Dr. Eckhardt says there is a huge disconnect between large sections of the medical profession and their elderly patients, as well as a desperate lack of doctors willing to go into geriatric medicine.

That's a good picture of what Jesus did when He lived among us. He did more than just enter our world as the Eternal God. He put on a limited, flawed, clunky human body suit, so He could truly empathize with us as He experienced our pain and our limitations. Jesus lived among us as one of us.

B. He gives undeservedly.

Then He lavished His grace upon us. He freely gave us what we didn't deserve (John 1:16). In other words, one undeserved blessing is scarcely used up when a fresh one is there to take its place. He lived among us to lavish His grace upon us (John 1:17).

Moses gave us the law which could only condemn us. Jesus gave us grace and truth which sets us free from our sin. You see, when Jesus came, He came to die on a cross for our sins. He came NOT to punish US for our sins, but to BE punished FOR our sins. He took our place on the cross, so God could bless us instead of condemn us.

A few years ago, Christian apologist John Dickson spoke on "The Wounds of God" at a university campus. After his speech, he opened the floor to questions from the audience, and immediately a young Muslim stood up and declared how preposterous it was to think that the Creator of the Universe would be subjected to the forces of his own creation – that he would have to eat, sleep, and go to the toilet, let alone die on a cross.

He argued with Dickson for ten minutes, insisting that the notion of God having wounds was illogical. How could the "Creator of Causes" be caused pain by a lesser entity? It didn't make sense to him, and he considered it "outright blasphemy" as stated in the Koran.

Dickson said he had no argument that would convince the man otherwise. So he simply thanked the Muslim student for demonstrating the radical contrast between the god of the Koran and the God of the Bible. What Muslims denounce as blasphemy the Christian holds as precious: God has our wounds.

As Isaiah put it, "He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). Oh, what grace and love. Jesus lived among us to lavish His grace upon us. And in this way He explained God the Father to us (John 1:18). Jesus shows us what God is like, because He is God Himself. Jesus is Lord – Worship Him. He is Light – Welcome Him. And He is Love – Trust Him with your life.

Conclusion:

A young woman was engaged to Mozart before he became famous. However, Mozart was short while other men were tall and handsome, so she broke off the engagement to marry someone else. Then, when the world began to recognize his musical genius, she regretted her decision. "I knew nothing of his genius," she said. "I only saw him as a little man."

My dear friends - my Jesus is no little man. He's a hero beyond our comprehension. He is willing to do the difficult. We must trust Him.

*****Jesus Is No Little Man!*****

*****Love Your Church*****

This week marked off another year of life for me. Several of you even made sure I was aware of it and rubbed it in a bit by sending me birthday cards. Thank you. I do really mean that. It reminds me just how blessed I am to have such great relationships within God's church, the body of Christ.

Ellen and I made a quick trip to South Missouri this week to visit her oldest brother, Don, who recently discovered he has prostate cancer. The cancer is also in his bones. He has begun an experimental treatment plan and says he's been feeling better. Please pray for him.

Being at Ellen's sister's house meant her brother-in-law Dennis made home-made ice cream. Don't know if he made it especially for me, since their family all came for supper the night of my birthday, but it was a special treat. Ellen and a couple of her great nieces even baked me chocolate chip cookies. Imagine that.

Perhaps one of the things I missed the most for my birthday was that, for the first time I can remember, my Dad didn't call and sing Happy Birthday to me. Somehow, there's comfort in believing that He and my Mother might have been singing it together, along with lots of worship and praise songs to Jesus.

I'm thankful to know that my church is in many ways my family. Someone used the acrostic C.H.U.R.C.H. to describe what relationships within the body of Christ should be like:

Christlike—we should relate to one another in the same way that Jesus relates to us. If we could just learn to do that, then many of our problems would be solved.

House to House—we should share more than "Sunday only" relationships; we should reach out to one another throughout the week.

United—as the body of Christ we are to be joined together by love; we are to be one.

Redemptive—when the world sees how we relate towards each other within the church, they

should be drawn to Jesus.

Compassionate—in the same way we cannot ignore pain in our physical body, we cannot ignore a brother or sister in need. We share their pain. Then love moves us to action.

Helpful—God has freely given to us. Therefore we can freely share with those in need. More of God's grace can flow through an open hand willing to share than a clenched fist holding on to all that God has given.

These characteristics should set our relationships within the church apart from those in the world. We need to know how to relate to one another – within the church; within our families; with our friends and acquaintances. But equally important, we need to know what the church is all about and why the church exists. There is one and only one Who unites us in the church, and that is the One Who founded the church, Jesus. To Him be all glory and honor!

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan ☺

Opportunities For Service

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

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Fred Kerns, Don Sharp, Ken Nice ,Dillon Burgess

Alternate: LeRoy Bush

Luncheon and Business Meeting

at Noon

No Evening Worship

Wednesday, July 31

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Thursday, August 1

SJBA Senior Adult Event 10 am

Maysville, First Baptist Church

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: LeRoy Bush, Don Sharp, Gary Yarbrough, Ken Nice

Alternate: Joe Coats

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

Monday, August 5

Serve at the Food Kitchen ... 5:30 pm

Wednesday, August 7

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events

July 28 — Business Meeting (notice the date change)

August 1 — Senior Adult Event, 10:00 am FBC Maysville

August 4 — Lord's Supper Observance

August 5 — Serve at the Food Kitchen

August 14 — Prayer Warriors

August 17 — Biblical Manhood Conference

GROW Team

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

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Sunday Night

We will not have Sunday Night service tonight. Hope to see you August 4th at 6:30 pm. We will continue looking at some of the sayings of Jesus. Come be a part!

**Wednesday Night Prayer
and Bible Study**

We began a new study on being *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado. Please attend and pray for the direction of our church.

Thank You

Dear Calvary—

Thank you for the Bible donation in honor of Alicia.

*We Appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers
The McKinnon Family*

Luncheon and Business Meeting
Following our morning worship to day. Please feel free to stay and fellowship with us.

Biblical Manhood Conference: Men On Mission

*August 17, 2019
8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Frederick Boulevard
Baptist Church*

As a sponsor, our church will have 20 tickets. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the entryway. Invite a friend (lunch included).

St. Joseph Baptist Association Senior Adult Event

*10:00am
August 1st
First Baptist Church, Maysville, MO
We will plan on
taking the Van if enough want to go.*

Lord's Supper Observance

Next Sunday we will observe the Lord's Supper in morning worship. As always, all loose monies in the offering will go toward benevolence.

Odds and Ends

We have some extra older tube TVs we aren't using. Does anyone need one?

See Brother Allan.

For the Record

Attendance: July 21, 2019

Sunday School.....	18
Visitors.....	2
Total.....	20
Contacts Made.....	7
Morning Worship.....	49
Sunday Night.....	N/A
Children's Worship	N/A
Wednesday Night	N/A

VBS Report
Children 19
Workers 12

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget \$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ... \$ 1,168.73
Long Family – July \$ 165.00

Offering Received by Mail:

August Counting Team:

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

August Van Driver:

Joe Coats
Call 232-3747 before 8 am

August Member Birthdays:

09...Dottie Wildberger
18...Tonia Meers
22...Beverly Lewis
24...LeRoy Bush

August Anniversaries

David and Annette Schottel
August 5, 1989

LeRoy and Ruth Anne Bush
August 5, 1966

Tim and Sharon Waters
August 10, 1985

Prayer Requests ...

Jeanette Shirley
Brigida and Jim Winans
Curtis Conard
Chuck and Gloria Stewart
Family and Friends of Alicia McKinnon
June Fritchle—infection recovery
Mike Green—knee recovery
Lillie Williams—surgery recovery
Gary Hurst—cancer
Susie Long—Alice Coat's Sister
Swymeller's Grandsons—kidneys
Jack and Flo Conard
Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery
Sandy and Stanley Wilson

Ruth Anne Bush—healing
Sharri Duty
Linda Huff—PTL! Cancer free!
Romey Keith Davis—Music
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings
Arlette Duty—strength
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health
Donna and Bill Dunn—health
Karissa and Matt Long and family
Stephanie & Jason Terpack—guidance
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son-PTL!
Lisa Bowers—Conard's daughter-PTL!
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
Doris Richardson Elmer Mayse
The Waters Family Kevin Duty
Betty Campbell Tim Izer
Dottie Wildberger Ann Riddle
Keon McKahan Nellie Reynolds
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Pat Means Buddy Means
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Curtis Conard
Brenda Burgess Seth Long
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service Women and Men
Terrorism in our world

Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
