

Let's Visit

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The Extraordinary Walks of Jesus

The last week of Jesus' earthly life was one long walk, and yet it was a walk that was broken into many parts. The week began with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. That took place on a Sunday.

Jesus came into town as a conquering hero. He was riding into the city on the colt of an ass in fulfillment of a prophecy you can read about in Zechariah 9:9. Hey spread palm leaves in his path. They cried Hosanna, blessed is the king of Israel.

From that point forward the week was a crowded one. Days were spent in the city. Evenings were spent with friends. Jesus answered the critical questions of the Pharisees. He spoke parables of warning and of direction. He set examples by cleansing the Temple.

During this week he used a coin to indicate a balanced use of possessions. He saw a widow place her gift in the treasury and he commended her gift. He talked of the destruction of Jerusalem and kept the Passover with the disciples. He told Peter that he would deny him and he told Judas of betrayal. He also told Peter that he would be praying for him.

It was a week of unforgettable experiences. Yet, within its limits, Jesus took two walks no one else ever took. The two most extraordinary walks in all of history. Jesus walked to a cross and walked away from a tomb. No one had ever willingly walked to a cross before. It was a death reserved for the most vicious of criminals. It was for those who had to be forced to submit to its cruel torture.

But, more than that, no one had ever walked from a tomb before. I am sure his enemies sighed with relief, seeing him on the cross. Now, Jesus would never bother them again.

They would not look up from some sinful practice and see him there. However, they had not reckoned on the power of Jesus. Three days after they had driven the nails in his hands and the spike

through his feet, Jesus walked again among the people. In spite of the spike in his feet, Jesus walked again.

These two walks of Jesus mark the greatest moments of history. Without these walks there would be no hope for humanity. There would be no escape from overpowering fear. No missions of love and mercy to darkened lands. No joyful anticipation of a life to come. In one short week, Jesus brought God's love for man to full flower, Jesus brought some understanding of how great God's love for man really is.

When Jesus walked to the cross, he walked to a place where the love of the Father is seen. John 3:16 tells us how much God loved the world. Yet, the depth of that love is not seen until the cross. The intensity of that love is not known until the cross. It is when we see the humiliation of the cross we know just how much God loved us. You see, this is love in deed. I John 4:10 reads, *"Herein is love. Not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."* Sending his son to the cross was God's way of commending his love toward us as Paul writes in Romans 5:8.

Walking to the cross, Jesus declares His love. He loved me, He love you and He gave himself for us. Those nail prints in his hands and feet are everlasting monuments of Jesus love for us. It was a love the lead him to sacrifice himself and shed his blood to redeem my soul from sin.

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – Shreveport -7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Today's Sermon

"The Encouragement of Gideon"

Our text comes from Judges 7:9-15. Gideon was not different from us, he needed encouragement and God gave him encouragement, just as He gives us encouragement.

God and the church. When the skies are clear and things are good their attitude is "God who?"

Some "church folk" are like sandals. They are just a skeleton of a Christian. They never grew into well-rounded service in the Lord's vineyard.

I'm sure most of us remember when we had our "Sunday shoes". They were our good shoes that we only were supposed to wear to church. Well, some Christians are like that. They are "Sunday Shoes". That is, they are "once a week" Christians. We must remember that Christianity requires bearing our cross on a daily basis.

The kind of shoes God wants his people to wear are "work shoes". Those are the kind of shoes the active Christian wears. Let's make sure that in the service of the Lord, we put on our "work shoes".

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**For The Pantry. . .
Tuna**

On The Lighter Side. . .



"Loved the sermon. Hated casual Sunday."

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Points to ponder. . .

*When a little bird tells you something,
Don't repeat it
Until you make certain the little bird
Is not a little cuckoo!*

*Real problems can be overcome; it is only the
imaginary ones that are unconquerable.*

What Kind Of Shoes?

It is a fact of life that most people in our part of the world wear shoes. I even know some people who when they find a pair of shoes they really like they make sure they get at least one pair in every color.

The fact is, that most of us wear shoes on a regular basis. Some take them off as soon as possible and others keep them on. Shoes come in all shapes, styles and sizes. High heels, flats, spectator pumps, sandals, open toe etc. for the ladies. Work boots, cowboy boots, cap toe, plain toe, wing tip, etc for the men.

Have you ever thought about the styles of shoes that are worn by "church folk"?

There is the loafer. Think about the judgment parables of Matthew 25. Those that were sent away were not turned away because of any positive wrong that they did. They were turned away because they did nothing. They were loafers.

Then, sometimes, we wear overshoes. When the storm is raging, we put on Christianity. This person wants prayers and visits only when in trouble of some sort. When the skies are dark, they call on

Miscellaneous

Save The Date!



September
11th

Begin right now to pray for this to be a great day, invite your friends and neighbors to come and plan to be here!

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*When people walk away, let them.
Your future is not about people
who walk away. It's about the people
who stay in it for the ride.*



Each One Bring One!
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Invite Someone Each Week!



Those To Remember In Prayer

Elsie Lee McDaniel (**Alice Hall's** sister-in-law) is hospitalized in Nacogdoches in serious condition.

We extend our sympathy to Ted Holt and the entire family of **Joyce Holt** in her recent passing. Services for Joyce will be held tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. here at the building with visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m. Her presence will be greatly missed.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

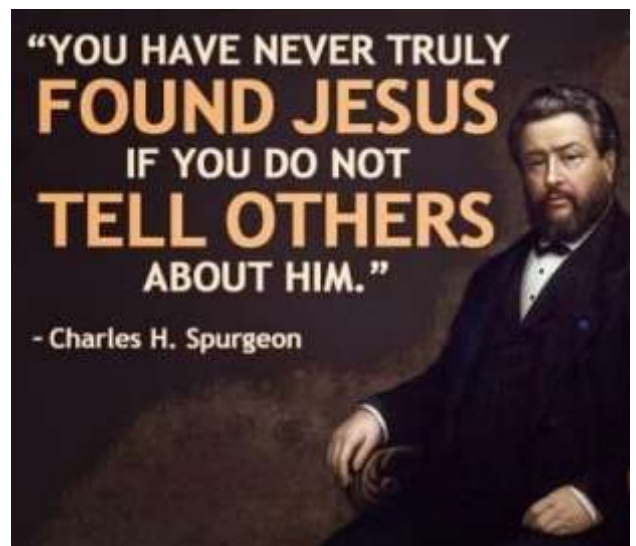
Roxie Bostick , Gene Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted Holt, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother) Ana Blair (friend of Debra Pate) Donna Boullion (Ted and Joyce Holt's niece) Gil Boullion (Ted and Joyce Holt's nephew) back surgery Gayle Foster (Cancer) Dalton Hendrix (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew) Sandra Hogan (friend of Roxie Bostick) Suzie Hogan (Roxie Bostick's sister) Laurie King (Co-worker of Mike O'Brien,) cancer : Bruce Ligon (friend of Tim and Norma Perkins) Liam Martinez (11 months old) Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; Katilyn Tate (Roxie Bostick's daughter-in-law) Jared and Natalie Bostick (Mike and Roxie's son and daughter-in-law) Marc Tate (Jana O'Brien's brother) Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's mother) Tina Vaughn - cancer

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE
Amanda Bradshaw, Leland Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw
Jeremiah Soape and Lucas Tate

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.





Across The Preacher's Desk

What do you say when a church family loses someone who has been so important to the life of the family as Joyce Holt has been? When we left on vacation just two weeks ago, the last thing she told us was "take lots of pictures so I can see them when you get back". I never dreamed that would be my last conversation with her. It just points out for us vividly that James was indeed right when he said our life is a vapor. It shows us the wisdom of living every day of our lives as if it might be our last.

Until her health and physical abilities began to fail her, you could always find her willing to do her part, teaching a Bible Class, picking up someone to bring them to church, helping in whatever way she could with a work day, helping in some way to provide food for a bereaved family. But most importantly, you could always count on her to fill her place in the assembly on the Lord's Day.

She typified not only the labor of Martha who was always busy serving, she also embodied the spirit of Mary as she continually set an example of spirituality to those she came in contact with. She will be missed.

Yet, that does bring up an important question. Will we take that example of spirituality, commitment and servant heart and pass it on to future generations?

it's something to think about. . . .tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
52 in '22!**