

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. They 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 loved 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 that 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

"How Big Is Your God?"

Too many people today do not have a conception of an all powerful, all knowing God. A God who is big enough to meet all our needs.

Someone Else

We were saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members. Someone Else. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it". Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results. "Someone Else" can work with that group,

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our congregation. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed "Someone Else" would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what We are going to do.

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help in your local church this year, remember -- they can't depend on Someone Else anymore. Many hands make little work!

Let's make sure we are someone the church can count on and not "Someone Else".

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Illegal use of cell phone during sermon,
sermon will go an extra 15 minutes



For The Pantry. . .

February 5 – Canned Fruit

On The Lighter Side. . .



"I wish he were a little less specific with his illustrations."

Each One Bring One!

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Invite Someone Each Week!

Miscellaneous



Those To Remember In Prayer

Put This On Your Calendar.....



March 5, 2023

This is our next "Covered Dish Luncheon" when we have "Pack A Pew Sunday" and will celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries for March, April and May.

Make your plans to be here and invite others to come and help you pack your pew!

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING – next Sunday, February 12, 2023 in the church offices immediately following the morning worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL – Our next Wednesday night meal at 6:00 p.m. prior to our evening services will be February 22, 2023.

Make your plans now to be here!



SAVE THESE DATES!

April 21st, 22nd and 23rd

Phil Sanders
is coming back to Center!

Area Wide Singing on Friday Night.
Preaching on Saturday night
Refreshments following the singing and
Covered Dish Luncheon following the
Sunday Services.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick , Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw,
Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall,
Thelma Hinton, Louise Johnson, Lisa Miller
Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother),
Minion Bean-(Mike O'Brien's mother) recovering from a fall
and hip surgery), **Ana Blair** (friend of Debra Pate) **Celina
Danley** (Sister of Joyce Danley) multiple health issues, **Hugh
and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law
dealing with multiple health issues) **Sandra Fuller** (friend of
Betty Miller) **Roy Garcia** (friend of Tim and Norma Perkins
recovering from brain surgery) **Suzie Hogan** (Roxie Bostick's
sister) **Suzanne Ihlo** (Martha Jean Golden's sister recovering
from a stroke) **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing
with memory issues) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah
Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Reba Miley** (friend of Debra
Pate) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood
pressure issues; **J. C. and Pat Tate** (Jana O'Brien's mother
and father) **Calvin Turner** (recovering from back surgery)
Clark Paul Williams (LaResa Livingston's cousin)

"INTERNET FRIENDS"

Mason McConnell, Frankie & Mandy McConnell,
Wayne Minter, Courtney Workman

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

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

Christians should live in the
world, but not be filled with
it. A ship lives in the water;
but if the water gets into the
ship, she goes to the bottom. So
Christians may live in the
world; but if the world gets
into them, they sink.

Dwight L. Moody



Across The Preacher's Desk

"Until I went into the sanctuary of God, then I understood." (Psalms 73:17)

The value of attending the public meetings of the church is a matter of dispute in the minds of many people. There are some folks who go to church regularly while others do not go at all. Then there are those who are in the services occasionally on days like Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day.

What is the merit of going to church? Does it help? Is the outlook of the regular church goer different on other points from the outlook of those who do not go to church or only go occasionally?

In the passage above, the 73rd Psalm, the Hebrew poet expressed himself on this matter. He had almost given up trying to do right. He saw the prosperity of the wicked and envied them. He saw the ease of the sinful and wondered why he must be burdened.

Seeing these things he had about decided that God didn't care. That conclusion is fatal to spirituality. Then one day he went up to the sanctuary of the Lord – that is, he went to church. It was here he got his bearings again. When he left, his feet were on firm ground. He understood God's plan when he went to church.

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

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
53 in '23!**