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THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS

Some time ago I watched an ABC special presentation by Peter Jennings on the search for Jesus. It raised far more questions than answers. It was clear from the start that truth would take a back seat to error. The preponderance of material favored the views of liberal theologians. Although there are many conservative theologians with outstanding credentials who uphold the historicity of the Biblical narrative, their voices were not heard. In typical fashion, under the guise of fair and objective investigation, a thoroughly one-sided presentation was made.

Throughout the program the reliability of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) was called into question. Frequent references to contradictions were made. Accounts of events not found in John but in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark, Luke) were immediately suspect. But, I can assure you, if the gospels provided identical narratives the charge of collusion would be immediately leveled and their use as historical documents dismissed just as readily. The slight differences or discrepancies between the gospels are easily explained.

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SCHEDULE

February 12, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Dollison

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Joe Crone
Harry Ogletree

PM: Brad Forshey
Russ Schramm

PRAYER

AM: Todd Hague
Close—Les Mills

PM: John Forshey
Close: Kurt Harrison
2/15—John Dollison

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Bill McFarland

PM: Colton Eddy

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Brad Pierce

Wed. 2/15—Colton Eddy

STATISTICS—January 29

Sunday Bible Class.....	97
Morning Worship.....	175
Evening Worship.....	83
Wednesday Classes.....	80
Contribution.....	3,778

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<http://sixthandwashingtonchurchofchrist.org> (Please note audio from sermons are now available on our website)

BIBLECALL (740-373-3222)

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Crackers

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: When the storm rages...
Reading: Mark 4:35-41

PM: Jonah
Reading: Jonah 1:1-3

PROGRAMS

WJAW FM 100.9—Sunday 8:30 a.m.
WJAW AM 630—Sunday 9:00 a.m.
WMOA AM 1490—Sunday 11:00 a.m.
SEARCH—WTAP—Sunday 7:30 a.m.

SICK

Memorial: **Wilda Piatt**

Marge Stacy was in the hospital and is now at home.

June Rose fell Monday and was in the hospital. She is now at Harmar Place.

PRAYER LIST

Jackson Harris (Ida's great grandson)

Jim Hartline (friend of **Norm & Dorothy Wilkinson**)

Janet Haught (friend of **Jim & Carolyn Falkenberg**)

Added to prayer list: **Dana Galach** (Agata Schwab's mother)

**Full prayer list is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer*

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Donna Butler**.

GOSPEL ADVOCATE

The current copy of the Gospel Advocate is available on the table in the foyer.

PERFECT LOVE

Someone wrote the following description of true love:

Slow to suspect—quick to trust,
Slow to condemn—quick to justify,
Slow to offend—quick to defend,
Slow to expose—quick to shield,
Slow to reprimand—quick to forbear,
Slow to belittle—quick to appreciate,
Slow to demand—quick to give,
Slow to provoke—quick to conciliate,
Slow to hinder—quick to help,
Slow to resent—quick to forgive.

No doubt, this description reminds us of the one given by Paul in I Corinthians:

“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (I Corinthians 13:4-7).

“The greatest of these is love.” I Corinthians 13:13

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First, we must take into consideration both the purpose of the narrative and the audience to which it was originally addressed. Consider the following. Matthew was written primarily for Jewish readers, and thus emphasizes Jesus as the Messiah. Mark was designed for Gentile readers, and is briefer with fewer references to the Law. Luke wrote as an historian (Luke 1:1-4). And, John specifically wrote to produce faith (John 20:30, 31).

Second, inspiration (2 Timothy 3:16) does not negate an author's personality or individual background. Inspiration does insure accuracy. It is not surprising that Luke's gospel contains many medical terms not found in the other three, or that John, written after the Synoptics, would mention things not found in Matthew, Mark and Luke.

Third, the full picture is seen by examining all four gospels. Each in itself provides only a partial view of Jesus. I can illustrate it this way. Suppose a photographer took a picture of the west side of our church building. From that picture would you know how many entrances there were to our building? Of course not! Only upon seeing pictures of all four sides would it be possible to provide the correct answer. One perspective is incomplete. Though we would have an accurate picture of one side, it would still be an incomplete picture. In the same sense, one gospel presents an incomplete picture of Jesus, but by looking at all four gospels we get a full and complete view of Him.

There is no reason to question the reliability of the gospels. All four were written before the close of the first century by individuals in a far better position to know what actually happened than any modern day liberal theologian. So, if you want to know about Jesus don't waste your time watching programs with a decidedly anti-biblical slant. Just read the New Testament and you will know the truth (John 8:32).

---Roger

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

God willing, **Joe Crone** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **Darrell Hague** is scheduled for Wednesday evening February 15th.

We received the schedule for the 2017 **Friday Night Sings** last week. We are scheduled to host the sing April 14th. Please block that date out on your calendar and plan to be here for the sing.

Also, *Daylight Saving Time* begins in just a little over a month (March 12). Hopefully, the longer days will help with our evening attendance. I know for some of you that driving after dark has become an issue, and the longer daylight hours do make it easier to get out.

Don't forget our **Friends and Family Day** May 14th, and the **Ladies' Tea** on the 13th. **Harold** and **Sally Shank** will be with us that weekend. I hope you are looking forward to having this lovely couple here, and that you are already inviting others to attend with you!

Our thanks to our young men for leading our worship last Sunday evening, and especially to **Tim Loughry** for his excellent message. Our next fifth Sunday evening service will be April 30th, and **John Forshy** will be our speaker.

I am confident that everyone who stayed last Sunday evening for our soup and sandwich fellowship enjoyed some really good food as well as the opportunity to sit and visit. Special thanks to those who work so hard to make events like that possible. Your efforts do not go unnoticed!

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

According to Proverbs 6:16-19 there are seven things that are an abomination to God. Can you name them?

Answer next week/Answer to last weeks' question: **As Jesus and his apostles went from village to village teaching several women also traveled with them. One of them was Joanna, who was her husband? Chuza, who was Herod's steward - Luke 8:3**