

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM

Study Sunday 10:00 AM

Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM

Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM

Singing every 2nd Sunday evening

Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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“...I have come
down from heaven,
not to do My own
will, but the will of
Him who sent
Me,”

—John 6:38

**Servants during March:**

Songleader: Larry (1), Dwight (8),
Stanley (15), Larry (22), Dwight (29)

Reading: Stanley**Announcements:** Larry**Table:** Stanley, Marty, Larry

Wednesday Lesson: Kris (4), Larry (11),
Stanley (18), Kris (25)

Area Meetings:**Anderson,** 15-18, Mitch Dalrymple;**Ardmore,** 29-4/1, Lowell Sallee;**Market Street,** 4/12-15, Leon Mauldin**Hays Mill church of Christ**

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“Examine everything carefully...” 1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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Jesus, Name Above All Names

By Dee Bowman

The most important person who ever walked across the stage of human events was Jesus of Nazareth. No person ever had the effect on mankind; no one ever made the difference He did. He was unique in every sense of that word. He was, and remains, the illustration of goodness and the personification of hope. No man ever spoke as He did, no one ever said more pertinent things than did He.

We have no information about how he looked. Was He tall or short? Was He ruddy complected or fair? Was His hair thick or thin? Was His personality extraverted or guardedly restrained? How did He walk? Did He stride confidently or slowly and deliberately? What about his vocal characteristics? Was His voice low and slightly raspy or mellow and middle-pitched? And how about tempo? Was His speech of a rapid, staccato sort, or was His manner slow and calculated? And how were His gesticulations? Did He point deliberately and often, or did He just allow His speech to speak for itself without much gesturing?

The fact is, we don't know much about Jesus' personality, His visage, or His

style of speech. But we do know some things about Him.


He was compassionate. In Luke 15, He is criticized for eating with publicans and sinners. His defense is a three-fold illustration of parables—the parable of the lost sheep, the parable of the lost coin and the parable of the lost son—each of which is saying primarily the same thing: “I came to seek and save the lost.” He was compassionate to what were considered the undeserving, just as He was to the religious hierarchy of His day. He saw men's hearts, not their pocketbooks. He saw their motives, not their public displays. He saw what they needed, not what they wanted. He provided what would otherwise have been impossible—salvation for all men.

He was devoted. Over and again, Jesus is brought under extreme pressure by those who were either envious of Him or who were brought under the condemnation of His teachings. Never once did He back down. “I came not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent me,” Jn 6:38, was His oft-repeated response to His critics. In His model prayer, He taught His disciples to pray,

“not my will, but thine be done” Mt 6:10. Even in the passion of the garden, He sought relief from the terrible fate which awaited Him, but prayed, “nevertheless, not my will, but thy will be done,” Lk 22:42.

He loved without restraint. No one ever loved like He did. In the midst of intense persecution, in the midst of disdain by those whom He created and to whom He had given life, He never lost His affection or the sense of mission which that affection had demanded of Him. He loved, when no one would listen. He loved when His own people rejected Him. He loved, when everyone who had respected Him and professed their love for Him, turned and ran. He loved when He was

beaten. He loved when He was scorned and despised. He loved when He looked down from the cross. Hear Him: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” What kind of love is that? What kind of undeserved, indefatigable, never-lapsing love! Who can fathom it? Who can explain it? Certainly not me.

He did what He came to do. He came to seek and save the lost. And He did it. He came to bring an example of holiness and piety. And He did it. He came to identify truth and illustrate how it works. And He did it. He came to show us His Father’s love. And He did it. He came to make possible a way for man to be resurrected. And He did it. Oh, what a Savior! 

What shall we do with Jesus?

By Doy Moyer

Jesus does not allow us to be neutral about Him. We are not left with the option of just calling Jesus a good man while denying His claims. If He was not who He claimed to be, He was a delusional at best and a lying manipulator at worst. Or, if as some argue, it’s all legend, then He is the product of liars who had no reason to pass such a false story around in the face of their own peril. Again, there is no neutrality here. We are either for Jesus or against Him, Mt 12:30.

Pilate asked the people this question when they chose to release Barabbas over Jesus. “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Crucify Him!” And he said, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they kept shouting all the more, saying, “Crucify Him!” Mt 27:22,23 NASB. Is that our answer, too? When we choose sin over Jesus, we

are essentially saying, “Crucify Him.” It is even possible that in departing from the Lord, we crucify Jesus afresh and put Him to open shame, Heb 6:4-6. Our choices matter, for by our actions we are telling Jesus what we want to do with Him.

Like Peter, we might deny Jesus, Mt 26:69-75. Like Judas, we might betray Him, Mt 26:47-50. Like Saul, we might persecute Him, Acts 9:4,5. And like Pharisees and others, we might test, plot, and try to find ways to justify why we shouldn’t accept Him. The responses to Jesus ran across the spectrum back then as it does today. We all must come face to face with what we will do with Jesus.

Many did believe and accept Jesus and His claims. While Peter denied Jesus with great regret, Peter also showed tremendous insight and boldness in confessing Him. “Who do people say the

Son of Man is?” Jesus asked. While there were various opinions about Him (some said He was Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the other prophets), when Jesus turned that question directly to the disciples, Peter responded, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God,” Mt 16:13-20. Jesus commended this answer. Ultimately, it is the answer we must all give. “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins,” Jn 8:24.


When Peter preached on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2), he showed that the events occurring that day were what had been prophesied by Joel. He quoted from David in the Psalms to show how there was anticipation of messianic resurrection, then argued that Jesus fulfilled the promise given to David that he would have a descendent to sit on his throne, 2 Sam 7:12,13. Jesus was raised from the dead to sit on that throne, and so is declared to be Lord and Christ, Acts 2:36.

The message about Christ moved the hearers, and this prompted the same essential question: “What shall we do?” Peter told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, v38. Over three thousand did so on that day. What would they do with Jesus? They would accept the truth about Him, respond to His gospel, and be added to His body by the Lord. He desires all to make this choice.

The book of Acts provides us with many examples, positive and negative, of people responding to this question about what to do with Jesus. We see thousands of Jews and Gentiles submitting themselves to the Lord. We also see many who disbelieved and, in some cases, tried to cause problems for the Lord’s people. Acts is all about what people do with Jesus.

One reason Jesus has been a divisive figure is because He forces people to deal with the most important questions of life. When we choose Christ, we are choosing self-denial, Lk 9:23; submission to others, Phil 2:3,4; to be living sacrifices, replacing the old with the new, Rom 12:1,2; Col 3:1-11. “What shall we do with Jesus?” is a not a question that can be dismissed, for in that very act, we are giving a definitive answer of choosing self over the Lord.

Is there any more important question we may answer? Our answer will affect every part of life, for once we put on Christ, everything we do will be with the aim of glorifying Him, 1 Cor 10:31; pleasing Him, 2 Cor 5:9; and living for Him, 2 Cor 5:15. Whatever we do will be done in His name as we thank Him for His grace and mercy, Col 3:17. Yet once we understand our need for Him and what He has done for us, how can we turn away from Him who died for us?

Make it personal. What shall I do with Jesus? What shall you do with Jesus? 

Remember in Prayer

Marie’s sister, Betty Goodin King, passed away last week. **Stanley** has been undergoing radiation treatments for skin cancer on his face for a few weeks, now. **Dwight** and **Shirley** continue to deal with

infirmity from advance age. Please continue to pray for **Betty; Carolyn; Deborah** and **Serenity; Hazel; John, Sylvia,** and **Paige Pollard; Pam, Kaylee, Julie** and **Violet.** 