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Schedule of Services

- We have the privilege this Sunday at 10:00 of assembling together in the auditorium to worship God!

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WHY FOUR GOSPEL ACCOUNTS? By *Mike Riley*

Have you ever wondered why there are four gospel accounts instead of just one? In this brief article, let us investigate the makeup of each gospel account, determining why each account is necessary.

Matthew's Account – Being a Galilean Jew (Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:13-14; Luke 5:27,29), Matthew wrote primarily to Jews. He quotes many Old Testament prophecies Jesus fulfilled which declare Him King. Jesus is not only the Messiah of Old Testament prophecy, but He is the King who came through the royal line of David to sit upon his throne forever (2 Samuel 7:12-17; Psalm 132:11; cf. Luke 1:31-32; Acts 2:22-36) The terms “king” and “kingdom” appear more in this account than the other accounts. In Matthew's account, Jesus is beautifully portrayed as King (Matthew 16:13-20; Matthew 28:17-18; cf. Isaiah 9:6-7).

Mark's Account – He wrote considering Gentiles (primarily the Romans), because he explained Jewish cultural considerations (cf. Mark 7:1-8). Mark emphasizes Jesus' actions

and servant spirit. Mark records more about what Jesus did than what He said. One of the key words in Mark's account is the word, “immediately” or “straightway” (used some 19 times), which emphasizes action, moving swiftly from one event to another. Jesus was not just King, but he was also a Man of the people. He demonstrated the servant spirit all true disciples will display (Mark 10:43-45).

Luke's Account – Luke wrote with the Greek community in mind. Luke emphasizes Jesus as the perfect Son of man (Luke 19:10). For example, while other gospel writers speak of Jesus' prayer life, Luke shows us more of Jesus' teaching regarding the **frequency** of our praying (cf. Luke 18:1; Luke 21:36; Luke 22:40,46). Jesus relied on His Father in prayer and models how we should rely on God (Luke 11:1-4). Luke also emphasizes Jesus' teachings. While he records many miracles, there is more emphasis on what Jesus said than did. Here we see Jesus as the Master Teacher.

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: **Green Plain members:** Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Ann Thompson and Carolyn Byars. **Family and Friends:** Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, , Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Pat Hocking, Sandra Cook Downs and Hollis Morris.. Please continue to pray for each of these and for those tending to their needs as well as the leaders of our nation in this time of crisis.

- With Covid-19 cases increasing in Calloway County, we are continuing to meet only for Sunday morning worship at 10:00am. We thank you for your understanding and encourage you to continue to pray for our elders and for one another in this trying time.
- **PANTRY ITEMS August 2020: 2—Canned Potatoes; 9—Canned Tomatoes; 16—Vienna Sausages; 23—Pinto Beans; 30—Creamed Corn.** Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- **August 2020 Anniversaries:** 13th—Gail and Jonnie Hutchison; **Birthdays:** 4th—Teresa Enoch; 10th—Brent Morris. If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **We offer FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES through the mail.** Enroll on our website or send your name and return mailing address to the address on the first page of this bulletin. You may also call 270-978-7569 or you may email us at greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org.
- **Additional Study Opportunities:** We encourage our readers to take advantage of the wealth of Bible study opportunities which are available online. There is a list of some of these at the bottom of this page. You will find scores of recorded videos and live programs that you can watch at your convenience. The Bible admonishes us to “...grow in the grace and in the *knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*” (2 Peter 3:18).

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Good News Today
<http://gnttv.org/>

In Search of the Lord's Way
<http://searchtv.org/>



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: How long did Jesus remain on the earth after His resurrection ?

Last Week: Why did the soldiers pierce the side of Jesus with a spear after He had died?

Answer: This was a fulfillment of prophecy (John 19:33-36; Zech. 12:10; Psalms 34:20). It also confirmed that He was really dead.

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John's Account – The primary scope of John's account is to declare to all men that Jesus is the Son of God (John 3:16-17). Not only does John declare Christ as having human attributes, but declares Him having divine attributes as well (John 1:1,14; cf. Hebrews 4:14-15). Jesus is the Son of God by nature; that is, the Father and the Son both possess the qualities of being God (Philippians 2:5-6) His miracles, recorded by John, is evidence of this (John 20:30-31).

Conclusion

Without all four gospel accounts, we would not be able to see the complete portrait of our Savior; His words, His life, and His mission. The Jews needed to know that Jesus fulfilled all of the Old Testament prophecies of Messiah and King (cf. Luke 24:44). The Gentiles needed some Jewish cultural concepts explained (cf. Mark 7:3-4). We must see Jesus as King (Matthew), the perfect Man of action (Mark), the Master Teacher (Luke), and God (John).

THE IMPORTANCE OF WORSHIP *By Jonnie Hutchison*

It is obvious that worship is very important to God. He has required worship from the very beginning of man's existence. Yet, worship is also important to us. Why is worship so important?

Worship is important because God commands and regulates worship. Jesus told Satan, *"Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"* (Luke 4:8). God forbade the worship of "other gods" (Exodus 34:14; Deut. 4:18-19) and punished those who deviated from His prescribed worship (Leviticus 10:1-2). God instituted worship for His people Israel, first in the tabernacle, and then later in the temple. The New Testament church assembled regularly to worship God on the first day of the week engaging in prayer, partaking of the Lord's Supper, preaching the gospel, singing songs of praise and giving (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2). Since God has both commanded and regulated worship we know it is important.

Worship is important because it benefits those who engage in it. The benefits of genuine worship are many. Worship brings one closer to God, provides an avenue to offer praise and thanksgiving, and reminds us

of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Worship provides fellowship both with God and the church and the opportunity to exhort, encourage and teach one another. It is a faith building, soul strengthening, and zeal creating experience but only if God's pattern for worship is followed—a pattern revealed in the New Testament. Those who intentionally fail to assemble to worship God, not only violate God's command (Hebrews 10:25), but miss out on all the benefits derived from worship.

Worship is important because it reminds us of heaven. In the book of Revelation, worship is pictured as taking place around the throne of God (Rev. 4:10). Someone has well said, "if you don't enjoy worship here, you won't be in heaven to enjoy it there."

Worship is important because God is worthy of our worship. *"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."* (Revelation 4:11).

Because worship is so important, both to God and us, we must never take it for granted. It should be viewed as the opportunity it is and not just the fulfilling of an obligation.



COME VISIT WITH US

The church building is located southeast of Murray one mile off highway 641 - Near the corner of the Green Plain and Murray Paris Roads. We look forward to seeing you!

A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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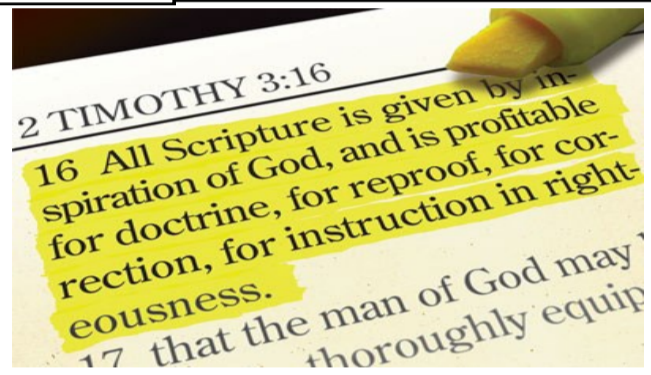
SUNDAY'S SERMON

"Are You Living the Abundant Life?"

10:00 AM

Assemble in the Auditorium

Remember to practice social distancing

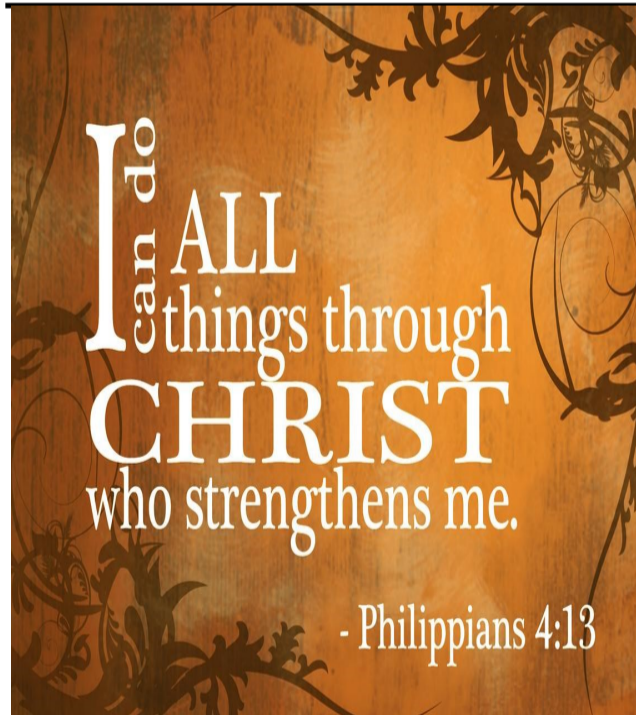


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God Does Not Want You To Perish (2 Peter 3:9)

- He sent Jesus Christ into the world to shed His precious blood to provide for your salvation from sin (Romans 5:8-9).
- To reach His blood and have your sins washed away you must obey what He has commanded for your salvation (Matthews 7:21; Hebrews 5:8-9).
- **Hear** the good news of salvation revealed in the New Testament (Romans 10:13-17).
- **Believe** that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (John 8:24).
- **Repent** of your sins (Acts 17:30-31).
- **Confess** your faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10).
- **Be immersed in water**, into the death of Jesus to spiritually reach His cleansing blood (Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3-5).
- **Live faithful** to God (2 Timothy 4:7-8).