

What Will You Do With Jesus?

“What will you do with Jesus? The question comes to you! And you must give an answer, for something you must do.” So begins James Robinson’s well-known hymn from nearly a hundred years ago. The song is right! There are places aplenty to be neutral, but this isn’t one of them. No one can encounter Jesus without responding in some way. In Matthew chapters 26 and 27 we find at least seven ways in which people responded to Jesus in the last hours of His life. Here is one: Judas Iscariot, what will you do with Jesus? Judas answers, “I’ll betray Him!” For thirty pieces of silver, the price of a slave (Exod. 21:32), Judas sold the sinless Son of God into the clutches of His most fanatical foes (Matthew 26:14-16; 47-49). He used a kiss, the customary greeting of friendship, to identify Jesus to the mob that came to arrest Him. No wonder the name Judas carries such a negative connotation! A Judas goat leads the other goats or sheep into the slaughterhouse, then returns for another group. And one who turns his back on a friend is labeled a “Judas.” No one today literally turns Jesus over to His enemies to be crucified; but that doesn’t mean we can’t betray Him. Regarding once faithful but now fallen Christians the Hebrews writer said, “they crucify again for themselves the Son of God and put Him to an open shame” (6:6). By their actions, they shame Jesus as a fake, an imposter, a fraud, just as His enemies claimed when they had Him crucified. We loathe Judas for selling Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, but is our price even less? Will we sell Him for the thrill of physical pleasure? For the approval of worldly friends? Indeed, what will you do with Jesus? ~Joe Slater

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Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome

Attendance 12/29 80

Budget \$2400.33

Contribution 12/29 \$3009.00

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Why Has Your Countenance Fallen

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Since the Garden of Eden, man has struggled with the problem of sin (Genesis 3:1-8). Sin is simply the violation of God’s commands to us (1 John 3:4). All have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory (Romans 3:23). However, how do we react when we are confronted about our sin?

After being driven from the Garden of Eden because of their sin of eating the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:22-24), Adam and Eve have 2 children named Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-2). Cain and Abel in worship offer sacrifices to God. Cain brings a sacrifice of the fruit of the ground, and Abel offers a sacrifice from the firstborn of his flock he was shepherding (Genesis 4:3-4).

God was pleased with Abel’s sacrifice, but not with Cain’s (Genesis 4:4-5). Why? Abel offered his sacrifice by faith (i.e. in accordance with God’s commands, Romans 10:17), Cain had not. Later we read, “By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks” (Hebrews 11:4). Cain had failed to follow what God had told him to offer in sacrifice to Him.

When Cain learns that God was not pleased with his sacrifice, how does he react? He becomes angry and his countenance falls (Genesis 5:5). In love God tries to encourage Cain. “So ,the Lord said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it’” (Genesis 4:6-7). God was eager to forgive Cain of the sin he had done, but Cain needed to acknowledge his wrong and repent of it by conforming to God’s Will.

However, how does Cain respond? Instead of humbling himself before God and repenting of his own sin, Cain responds by continuing further in sin by taking his anger out on his younger brother. He murders his own brother: “Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him” (Genesis 4:8).

God knew what Cain had done, even though Cain tried to deceive God saying, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” (Genesis 4:9). God heard Abel’s innocent blood crying to Him (Genesis 4:10). Cain would spend the rest of his life on earth as a fugitive and vagabond (Genesis 4:12). His descendants would become very ungodly and depart even further from God (cf. Lamech, Genesis 4:23-24). Ultimately, his descendants would make up those who perished in the great flood (Genesis 6:12-13).

Sadly, many today, when confronted about the sin they have committed, stubbornly resist God and refuse to repent of their sin. I acknowledge that my own pride can lead me to try to cover up my sin and pretend it is not so bad. In love God reaches out to us through His Son Jesus Christ giving us an opportunity to be forgiven of our sin (John 3:16). However, instead of resisting God and clinging to our sin as Cain did, we must repent of the sins we have committed (cf. Luke 13:3). ~Susquehanna Valley Church of Christ

Keep These Dates in Mind	January Birthdays and Anniversaries	
01/11 fellowship and meeting with Bill Gregory 01/12 Potluck 01/19 Open Congregational Meeting 5p 02/02 First Sunday Potluck 02/08 Men's fellowship and breakfast 02/16 Open Congregational Meeting 5p	Hannah Minor 1/5 Linda Lafferty 1/8 Holden Minor 1/15 Norm Hubbard 1/17 Henry Walker 1/18 Larry Moore 1/19	Mary Beth Walker 1/22 Shirley Childers 1/24 Eddie & Eunice Petross 1/24 Loretta Slettene 1/26 Mary Lewis 1/27 Hannah Mendoza 1/29
Bible Studies		

Adult Bible Classes	Youth Classes	Ladies Class
Sunday am.–Exodus Wed pm – Fruits of the Spirit/Works of the Flesh	Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Th. 10-11:30am

Today's Speaker
Clarence Botts

Tonight's Video

What Do You See?

~George Bailey WVBS



Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Marji Lindholm, Marilyn Davis, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington, Helen Pierce

Lupe Mendoza was diagnosed with cancer. She has an appointment later this month to discuss the path forward for treating it. Please keep the family in your prayers as they face this setback.

No potluck after the Morning service today

Bill Gregory will be coming to meet the congregation and preach for us on Jan. 11, 12 as he considers working with us as minister and as we consider him. Please plan to attend the get together on Saturday at 2:00p and come to hear him speak on Sunday. He will be delivering the morning and evening lesson.

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Peru Ministry – Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

Austin and Kennadie McCrickard – Bear Valley Bible Institute

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

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There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might. Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you. (Jeremiah 10 6, 7)