



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Rodelio Baaqin & Family - working with congregations of the Lord's church in the Philippines
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- CA Fires - Please pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes & possessions and the fire fighters & rescue personnel; also the Pasadena church of Christ whose building was destroyed
- Leslie Denbow - left knee needs replacement surgery; experiencing nerve pain in right foot
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Retha Flack (Terry & Betty's Christian friend) - 2 blockages in heart; treatment being evaluated
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma; recently had large tumors surgically removed from his abdomen; prognosis is not favorable
- Wayne Sampson - **Welcome back!** Incision from Femoral Bypass Surgery is almost completely healed; skin graft surgery no longer needed 😊
- Hurricane Victims - prayers for those affected by the devastation brought on by these storms
- Tornado Victims - prayers for those affected by more than 100 tornadoes in 8 states; at least 43 lives lost; Cave City Church of Christ building in Arkansas was completely destroyed
- Families of those who perished - in the January plane crashes in Philadelphia /Washington DC
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today — the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling

"Pray without ceasing." — 1 Thess 5:17

Why Did the Jews Reject the Messiah?



When Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, the multitudes cried out saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!" [Hosanna is an exclamation of adoration meaning 'Oh, save!'] (Mt 21:2-9). And yet, less than a week later, the multitudes cried out: "Let Him be crucified!" ... "His blood be on us and on our children!" (Mt 27:21-23, 25). What happened? Well, in the interest of full disclosure, the chief priests & elders had insidiously and quite effectively influenced the multitudes to respond the way they did (Mt 27:20).

Throughout His ministry, Jesus' teachings and actions often challenged the established religious authorities and their interpretations of the law. In response, the Jewish leaders openly criticized Jesus and consistently found fault with the way He did things. They never did accept His credentials as their Messiah, mainly because He did not meet their religious or political expectations, nor did He submit to their man-made rules. In addition, because of His tremendous popularity with the people, these inwardly corrupt leaders (Mt 23:13-28) viewed Jesus as a severe threat to their power, prominence and prestige (Jn 11:47-48). Their solution? They fully rejected Him as the Messiah and "from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death" (Jn 11:53).

In short, Jesus of Nazareth failed to meet the flawed expectations of the Jewish leaders. In the mindset of the day, it was anticipated that the Messiah would be a military type leader, anointed by God, who would restore Israel, bring peace, and establish God's kingdom on earth. In their view, the Messiah would be a descendant of King David, fulfilling the promises made in the Scriptures about a future king who would reign over Israel. There was a strong expectation that the Messiah would liberate the Jewish people from foreign oppression—particularly from Roman rule—and would restore national greatness and political sovereignty

to Israel. Jesus, who preached a message of spiritual salvation and a spiritual kingdom, did not fit this expectation.

Later on, the manner of Jesus' death also presented a major stumbling block. In Jewish thought, a crucified Messiah was seen as an irreconcilable contradiction to the expectations of a strong triumphant leader. Deuteronomy 21:23 states that anyone hanged on a tree is under God's curse, which made the idea of a crucified Messiah difficult for the Jews to accept. But, to add even more confusion to the mix, there were a myriad of diverse views among different Jewish groups, such as the Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, and Zealots, each with their own interpretations of what the Messiah would be like and the role he would play. All these factors contributed to the severe strain between Jesus and the Jewish community of his time.

First-century Christians in the early church continued to reach out to the Jewish population with the gospel. Paul's custom was to go into the synagogues and reason with them from the scriptures (Acts 17:2). But at one point, Paul proclaimed: "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles" (Acts 13:46). Paul then boldly preached "among the Gentiles, the unsearchable riches of Christ!" (Eph 3:8).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
 Heb 11:6
Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30
Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
 Rom 10:8-10
Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
 1 Pet 3:21
Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10

Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Pat — April 28th



We will enjoy our potluck meal today after services. We hope you will stay for this special time of food, fun & fellowship! 😊

“...food which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.” — 1 Timothy 4:3

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” — Hebrews 11:1

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 5,936
This Month: 10,092



SNACKS!

April 13: Paula
April 20: Jan

Attendance & Contribution

for April 6, 2025

Attendance — 17
Contribution — \$536

Order of Worship

April 13, 2025

*“It is good for me to draw near to God;
I have put my trust in the LORD God,
That I may declare all Your works.”*

📖 - Psalm 73:28 - 📖

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Song—559

Opening Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Song—33

Scripture Reading: Louis Bureau
~ Mark 3:1-6 ~

Song—313

The Lord's Supper
Jim Miller (lead) & David Larrabee

Song—231

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
“Jesus Offers Healing & Hope
on the Sabbath”

Song—644

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Jason Kennedy

Alternates: George Cuvellier /
Mike Doucette

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Lord's Supper Prep: Pat Miller

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.  
- 1 John 4:19 -*

## April 13, 2025

### Meeting on the Lord's Day:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship

*“Let us consider one another in order  
to stir up love and good works, not  
forsaking the assembling of ourselves  
together, as is the manner of some, but  
exhorting one another, and so much the  
more as you see the Day approaching.”*

- Hebrews 10:24-25 -

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