

Sunday School lesson

The Way of The Servant Mark 10:32-45

"The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

The time of the event covered in today's lesson is near the end of Jesus' ministry. He and His disciples are on His final journey to Jerusalem—and to His crucifixion. Time is now short and there remains so much to be taught to His Apostles.

The place is the area of Perea, east of the Jordan River. He and His followers had attached themselves to a caravan of travelers on their way to Jerusalem, also, for the passover observer.

After a brief stop involving the event of the "rich young ruler," they were again walking toward Jerusalem.

Soon they would cross the Jordan River, and be in Judea. Just a bit earlier the Apostle had warned Jesus to stay away from Judea since there were some there who were determined to kill Him.

Raising Lazarus from the dead had brought the wrath of the Sadducees down upon Him because they did not believe in life after death.

The Apostles doubtless know of the Sadducees' decision and that Jesus was hastening toward certain death.

Moreover, He was taking them with Him. Verse 32 in our scripture states that the disciples were "amazed" and "afraid."

They were afraid of what might happen to them. They were amazed, astonished that Jesus would walk head-long into this situation and not try to avoid the certain confrontation.

Astonished means to "wonder without understanding." The Apostles, as yet, did not understand the principle of Jesus' establishing God's Kingdom through the role of a "Suffering Servant." But they would shortly.

Jesus Demonstrates The Way of the Servant Mark 10:32-34

The Apostles and all the disciples still thought that the "Messiah," which had been foretold by the prophets, would establish God's Kingdom by way of a military/political leadership.

He would defeat the Roman power that they were living under and set them free. Even though Jesus had told them on many occasions that he just give His life for man's freedom they refused to accept it.

In these verses He tells them plainly again, and in detail even, to the extent of how He would be treated at the hands of His enemies. A military/political victory might give them freedom but by shedding His blood on the cross He would pay the debt for their sins and thus give them salvation.

The Way of Service Denied Mark 10:35-41

These verses tell us a very human story involving James and John, two of Jesus' apostles. They were blood related to Jesus, it is believed, cousins, in fact, sons of Salome who was sister of Mary, Jesus' mother. They requested that when Jesus

came into His glory that they be permitted to sit with Him, one on the right hand and one on the left. They were thinking in terms of a king on his throne, and they would be the second and third power next to Him. These were places of honor and influence. These were zealous young men.

The Way Of Service Demanded Mark 10:42-45

Jesus now attempts to teach the

Apostles about His Kingdom. Contrary to the principle of a civil government where power an authority is vested in those who hold office, the greatest people in God's Kingdom would be those who were the greatest servants.

This principle of greatness through serving others is violently opposed to selfish human nature. It takes on a Godly quality. Jesus would again, in just a few days hence, demonstrate greatness through service.

Easter pageant slated

"Because I live, ye shall live also. This is the glorious Message of Easter." Thus begins Piney Grove Baptist Church's fifth annual outdoor presentation of "The Message of Easter."

The story is the greatest ever told and the actors and technicians are not professional theater people, but rather are members of the Piney Grove Baptist Church near Williamston.

Entering into its fifth season as a production, the drama will be presented Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8; Friday through Sunday, April 13 through 15; and Wednesday, April 18 through Easter Monday, April 23.

Performances will be each evening. As always, there is no admission charge.

The effort behind the drama, like the attendance, has grown from year to year. Having begun in 1980 with a cast of approximately 50 people, the

1984 version of the drama will feature a cast of approximately 130 with another 50 to 60 people working in technical areas.

Presented in a specially designed outdoor theater, the audience is transported back 2000 years to the streets of old Jerusalem and the surrounding hillsides.

The realism is even more evident as the familiar story moves from scene to scene. The drama seems to make the audience a part of the events rather than just observers.

A spokesman for Piney Grove has extended an invitation to the general public to attend any of the performances. More information may be obtained by calling 792-4977 or 792-4875, or by writing THE MESSAGE OF EASTER c/o E. T. Taylor, Rt. 1, Box 720, Williamston, N. C. 27892.



THE ANCHORMEN

Spring gospel sing

The first Gospel Sing of the spring will be held at Chappell Hill Baptist Church on April 1, featuring The Anchormen.

Under the leadership of Terry Carter, this group is very well known in this area, not only for their sacred musical talent, but also their dedication to evangelism for the Lord. Appearing and also singing, will be the "Baptist Four Plus One," who will share in the program.

This is a special time of good gospel music and all who will come are invited. There is no admission, although a free-will offering will be taken.

The pastor of Chappell Hill Baptist Church invites you to come out at 2:30 p.m. on this day and share in this wonderful time of sacred music.

Chappell Hill Baptist Church is located on State Road 1002, between Belvidere and Center Hill.

Church news

Saunders Grove Baptist Church

Rev. R. L. Holloman, pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, will be preaching at Saunders Grove Baptist Church Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The Saunders Grove Gospel Chorus will be rendering music.

St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church

The Faith Gospel Singers of Morehead City will give a concert at St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church, Hertford, on Sunday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Anderson United Methodist Church

The Perquimans-Chowan Subdistrict of United Methodist Women will hold its annual meeting on March 29, at 10:00 a.m. at Anderson United Methodist Church. Gladys White is the subdistrict leader. All members and their pastors are urged to attend.

The theme of United Methodist Women is "Love Made Visible." The theme for 1984 is "To Love Is To Risk." An offering will be taken to assist in the furnishing of the new Methodist Home for Children in Edenton. The meeting will conclude with lunch.

Chappell Hill Baptist Church

Annual Youth Sunday will be held at Chappell Hill Baptist Church Sunday, April 1. This is the Sunday when the youth of the Church directs and teaches in the Sunday School as well as in Worship service.

Youth Evangelist for the morning worship will be Kenny Lane of Norfolk, Va. Lane is a teenager who has felt the call to the ministry at a very young age. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Lane of Tyner

and the great-grandson of Mr. Will Lane of Hertford.



REV. MIKE WILLARD

The annual spring-time revival will start at Chappell Hill Baptist Church on Sunday night, April 1. Services will continue through Wednesday starting at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Rev. Mike Willard, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, will be the evangelist.

The revival is sponsored by the youth. Special music will be offered each night from church and groups from the area.

The theme of the revival is: "Rejoice...For Great Is Your Reward in Heaven."

Arlyn Ray Dail, director of the youth, and Rev. Billy Old, pastor, invite you to come and share in this season of revival.

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First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church School begins at 9:45 a.m. with the Junior Superintendent in charge. For the Morning worship, Youth Day, The Young Adult Choir will sing under the direction of Bro. Larry Felton,

Organist. Rev. J. H. London will preach on the subject, "The Quitter." The youth of the church is in charge.

New Haven Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church and pastor will worship with New Haven Baptist Church and their pastor as they celebrate their church anniversary at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Butler Sharpe is the host pastor. Rev. London will be preaching. Deacon Percell Skinner is the sponsor.

St. Paul Baptist Church

First Baptist Church will travel to St. Paul Baptist Church on Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. The bus will leave from First Baptist Church at 6:45 p.m. Rev. Leroy Gilliam is the host pastor. Rev. J. H. London will be preaching.

The Lighthouse

Come out the the Lighthouse Friday night at 7:30 just to talk and have a cup of coffee or a Pepsi. This will be a good time to get to know us a good time to know the Lord.

On Saturday, there is always something special going on beginning at 7:30 p.m. We'll be expecting you.

FACTS & FIGURES

You can make your own household cleanser for walls and floors by adding a half cup of borax, half teaspoon dishwashing liquid and a tablespoon of ammonia to two gallons of warm water.



For Your Information

Dear friends,

Women often prove to be more creative financial thinkers than men, with a talent for detail and analysis. In a U. of Oklahoma investment experiment, 72% of women did better than the Dow Jones industrial average, while only 33% of the men did better. Perhaps husbands and wives should make joint investment decisions.

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If a woman is working and the family needs the money she earns, certainly it would be inconvenient, and costly to have a baby. Does that justify an abortion?

It is inconvenient and costly to take care of a ten-year-old too. Then is it OK to kill him?

It is inconvenient and costly to, take care of a widowed and disabled mother. Then shall she be drowned like an unwanted kitten?

Even a husband may get in the way at times. Shall we petition, the legislature to legalize husband-killing?

"Before I formed thee in the womb, I knew thee; and before, thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5) see also Luke 1:41-44.

Answer last week, (Rev. 6:3-4). When did Peter deny that he knew Jesus?

We want to answer all your questions at Mt. Sinai. Call or visit anytime.

George Wilmore, Pastor
Mt. Sinai
So. Baptist Church

VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 8TH AND ELECT

Arnold E. Winslow
PERQUIMANS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

As a native of Perquimans County I am deeply concerned about my fellow citizens and would like to serve them on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners.

I am a former employee of Winslow Oil Company and presently an Agri Business man in the Belvidere community. Your vote and support Tuesday May 8th will be greatly appreciated.

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