

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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What Is Our Vision Of Jesus ?

I know it's overstating the obvious, but not everyone sees Jesus alike. Try to imagine what your view of Jesus would be if all you knew about him is what you learn around Christmastime or Easter. That's not a stretch for many Americans. All that many know is that he was born in very unusual circumstances, and a few years later died a horrible death. Somehow, associated with this is Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. When we have only a limited, or skewed, vision of Jesus we draw some unrealistic conclusions and not see him as he really is.

There are four examples of something similar in *Mark 3*. The Jewish religious leaders were skeptical about him. Their hard hearts (3.5) did not permit them to see the many good things Jesus was doing. Instead, they wanted to kill him because he healed on the Sabbath (3.6). They irrationally accused him of being possessed by Satan because he cast out demons (3.22). Their hard hearts and predetermined conclusions prevented them from considering Jesus with openness, logic and reason. They only saw Jesus as a troublemaker and a threat.

The crowds saw Jesus differently. They liked him. They followed him everywhere he went (3.7), partly because they liked the things he was saying, but mostly because of the things he

did for them. “He had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him” (3.10). They followed Jesus as long as he was giving them things they wanted. They saw Jesus as a miracle worker.

Jesus’ family had a different view. At this point in Jesus’ life their concern, as his family, was for his health - mental and physical. Because he wasn’t eating, they thought he was “out of his mind” (3.21). They wanted to take charge of him because he obviously needed help taking care of himself (3.20). They wanted to force him to be like *they* thought he should be, a problem many are still making. They were not yet open to see Jesus as the Person he came to be. Thankfully, later they did.

The apostles’ perception of Jesus was better, though not yet complete. They weren’t rejecting him or taking advantage of him or trying to control him. They willingly opened their hearts to see Jesus as someone for whom they would eventually sacrifice everything in order to be his disciples (3.13-14).

Jesus knows people will respond to him differently. The parable of the sower in *Mark 4* states what the examples of *Mark 3* illustrate. Some will totally reject him; some only follow a short time; others mean well but are distracted by worldly concerns. But Jesus knew that some would entrust their whole lives to him. The question we all need to ask ourselves is, “*What is my vision of Jesus?*”

— Joe Chesser

Do You Have Enough?

Make sure that you have:

- * Enough happiness to keep you sweet.
- * Enough trials to keep you strong.
- * Enough sorrow to keep you human.
- * Enough hope to keep you happy.
- * Enough failure to keep you humble.
- * Enough success to keep you eager.
- * Enough friends to give you comfort.
- * Enough good fortune to meet your needs.



- * Enough enthusiasm to make you look forward to tomorrow.
- * Enough determination to make each day better than the day before.

If you don't have enough of the preceding, maybe you should associate with the church more. Think about it.

—Selected

Congregational Fellowship : It's only 2 weeks until **August 26th** when we'll gather in the park for a potluck fellowship. After lunch, all who would like to do so will conduct a service at Shelby Manor. It will start at 2:30 and last about a half hour.

Pride Packages For Soldiers: We rotate the items that we bring in so there will be a variety of things available for Pat to send to our soldiers. For the next two weeks we'll be bringing: Nutri Grain Bars, Breakfast bars, Protein bars, Pringles, Small containers of chips (no bags), *Flavoring packets for water, Rice Krispy Treats

Birthday : Frances Reynolds August 16

NEXT WEEK : (August 19, 2018)

Song Leader : Greg

Scripture Reader : Ron

Table & Announcements : Darrell

**** Reminder :** Wayne gets an enormous number of calls from telemarketers, political calls and solicitations so he screens all calls. Consequently, one very often does not get an answer when he calls Wayne's phone because ALL calls are screened and because Wayne has difficulty to get to the phone

in time. If Wayne or Jo can get to the phone on time and your name appears on the caller ID, they will answer, but too often such is not the case so PLEASE leave a message and they will get back to you. When Wayne's cell is with him, he answers it IF he knows the caller, but it is often not with him.

Prayer list :

Frances Reynolds : The mother of Butch, Greg and Mitch is in serious condition. Her blood sugar shot up to 600.

Sympathy : After the bulletin was published Sister Frances Reynolds passed away. Visitation will be at the Howe & Yockey Funeral home on Monday, August 13, from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. followed immediately by her funeral. Our sincere sympathies to the entire Reynolds Family. All three of the Reynolds boys

Debra Robinson : Betty Lowe's stepdaughter had surgery for breast cancer but when they tried to install a port for the chemo treatments she went into AFib. Awaiting cardiologist.

John & Mary Cutillo : Friends of the Niehls family in PA, John is still undergoing tests, but a definitive diagnosis is pending.

Blake : Sherry's granddaughter had the tube removed on Thursday. She's home and doing well. Thank you for prayers.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Ruby, Mary, Doris, Delores, Marge, Betty, Francis, Pete & Hazel,

Other members with ongoing issues :

Pete & Hazel : Dealing with multiple issues, some age related

Delaney West : Surgery on hold as tumor is being observed

Nancy Miller : Parkinson's Disease

Robin Shumard : Due to neurological issues which are secondary to diabetes, Robin is confined to a wheelchair.

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing severe painful back issues

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Multiple recurring issues, some serious

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Bruce Miller: Madonna's brother-in-law ..awaiting test result

Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend is suffering from kidney failure due to diabetes. Stabilized, but remains an ongoing problem.

*** Each day as you pray for those on this list,
always include our congregation and her elders.**

***Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.***

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



Ya'll Come !