

Is Jesus a Saint?

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Kids can be quite provocative with their questions, can't they? The above question came from one of Sandy's students some years ago. I have to admit that when she told me about it, I had to think for a bit. What would you say if someone asked you that question?

My first response is that it would not be appropriate to call Jesus a saint because that would make him like you and me. To be a saint is something to be proud of if you are a human but surely Jesus is so much more than just a saint. So, let us review exactly what it means to be a saint and see if Jesus is one or not.

1. The word comes from the Greek *hagios* which means "set apart" or "holy".
2. Of 45 occurrences of the English word "saint" in the New Testament not one is singular; it is always "saints". This term is always used to speak of *living* members of the Lord's Church (E.g. Romans 1:7)
3. The term is always used of those who are alive on earth. The closest connection you will find with death, in the Bible, is in Revelation where saints have died for their faith (E.g. Revelation 16:6) but there is no suggestion that this is how they acquired sainthood.
4. Those who are in the habit of attributing sainthood to certain people who have died after living a faithful life will actually use "saint" as a title, E.g. "Saint John" or "Saint Paul". However, no one ever calls Jesus "Saint Jesus." The appropriate title is "Lord Jesus" (Mark 16:19)
5. In fact, Jesus is actually called "King of saints" in Revelation 15:3 (The NIV has "king of ages" but the word is actually *hagios*).

He was also called "King of the Jews" (Mark 15:26). Does the fact that He is king disqualify Him from being a Jew? Not really. In fact, He had to be a Jew to qualify to be King of the Jews. So, does being King of the saints disqualify Him from being a saint? No, it does not. If you look up the Greek word for saint (*hagios*) you will find that it is used many more times than the instances where it is translated "saint". In Mark 1:24 we read this: "*What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!*" Here the word is translated "The Holy One" and this title refers only to Jesus. In this case it is singular and has the definite article with it. In other words, he is The Saint of God, not just a saint. In the same way we understand that Jesus is The Son of God, but Christians are all "sons of God" (1John 3:1). If He were not The Son then no one could be a son, and if He is not the Holy One (saint) then no one can be a saint.



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: *Worship from the Tomb of Jesus*
([Via Facebook Livestream](#))

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Scripture Reading: John 5:21-29

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: April 15th**, streamed at 6:30. Last Wednesday we had success with Zoom, so we will try a similar format this time. Check the **Valley Cities Church of Christ Facebook page** for information.
- **Next Potluck: TBD**
- **Horseheads Ladies' Day:** postponed until further notice.
- **Next Regional Singing: May 31st (if possible) @ Horseheads**
- **Sojourners-** July 27th- August 6th
- **VBS-** August 8th



NEWS

- **Ted's** Eustachian tube surgery has been postponed due to the corona virus epidemic. He now must reapply to the VA for his surgery and wait all over again.
- **Please remember those of our group who are not able to join us for worship online. Give them a call, drop them a card, etc. and help them to feel included.**
- **The May Bible reading schedule will be posted on the Valley Cities Facebook page before the 1st.** People without computer access will receive copies in the mail.
- **Please let Sandy know if you would like some homemade cloth face masks to wear outside during our social distancing period. They are good for wearing to the grocery store or for pick up.**

PRAYERS

- **Pray for all those who are suffering with the Coronavirus, and for the families of those who have died.** Pray for protection for the elderly and others who are vulnerable. Pray that these hard times will be brought to a fast end.
- **Thank God for all the doctors, nurses, medical staff and other caretakers who are putting their own lives on the line to care for and cure all the sick people.** Please keep them safe and protect them.
- **Gail Westerhold**, Jerry's friend, is suffering with bad back pain which affects one of her legs. She has been using a cane or a walker. Please pray for pain and symptom relief.
- Pray for **Ted** as he will have to wait longer for the surgery on his Eustachian tubes to restore his hearing. Pray for comfort from this disappointment.
- Pray for **Chris Henson and Devon Wolcott** and their little son, **Jace**.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**, friend of Darlene's, who has lung cancer.
- Please pray for **Mark Elsbree**, who needs a kidney donor. Mark is near the top of the list now, for which we are grateful.
- **Pray for Lori Kashorek**, who has lung cancer. Lori is dealing with two new brain tumors, for which she is undergoing radiation therapy. Pray that she is in good enough health to attend the weddings of her two daughters this summer.
- Pray for **Chris Beiber and sons, Nick and Nate**, as they adjust to life without Erin. **Pray that we can stay in contact** and encourage them to draw close to Jesus.
- **Prayers for the group effort Bible reading program! Help us all feel connected knowing we are all reading or listening to the same chapters in the Bible each day.**
- Pray for **Jerry** as he's traveling and while he's staying with his son in Las Vegas. Pray for his time with his sons.
- We are **thankful that we have the technology** that allows us to gather in spirit to **worship on the Lord's Day**, and to attend class on Wednesday evening, but we pray that those who are not able to participate in this way will be kept fed on God's word.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.