

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: *Prayer and Song*

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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Scripture Reading: TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: June 10th**, live streamed and actual at the building at 6:30. Check the **Valley Cities Church of Christ Facebook page** for information. This will be the last time we use Facebook Live for this class.
- **Next Potluck:** TBD
- **Horseheads Ladies' Day:** postponed until further notice.
- **Next Regional Singing: August 30th (if possible) venue TBA**
- **Sojourners-** July 27th- August 6th
- **VBS-** August 8th



NEWS

- Please let Sandy know if you would like some **N95 masks** or if you would like some homemade **cloth face masks**.
- We have learned that **Jerry** is home now. He was unwell when he arrived home but was planning to come to worship last week. However, Gail was not well enough to drive him here! We hope to see him here soon.
- **Arthur will be teaching a Bible lesson tonight on Facebook live at 6pm. This is a trial to see if there is an interest and to see if this is the best night of the week to present the lesson.**
- **We are now meeting in the building for worship on Sunday and for Bible study on Wednesday! We will publish our worship on livestream today for the last time.**
- **Darlene** had a procedure to treat an ingrown toenail on Tuesday. She also has bone spurs on both heels.
- **Ted** had surgery on his Eustachian tubes on Tuesday and is recovering well. He has been waiting a long time for this to happen.
- **Paul** will be preaching today...first time in a long time!
- **The daily Bible reading schedule for June is available. Ask Arthur if you need a copy.**
- **Headphones are available for the hearing impaired. Ask Paul if you need one.**

PRAYERS

- **Pray for all those who are suffering with the Corona virus, and for the families of those who have died.**
- **Thank God for all the places where the corona virus seems to be receding and things are getting back to normal.**
- Pray for **Ted** as he recovers from his ear surgery.
- Pray for **Darlene** as she recovers from her foot surgery and as she is treated for the bone spurs.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**, friend of Darlene's, who has lung cancer.
- **Pray for Lori Kashorek**, who has lung cancer. Lori is dealing with two brain tumors, for which she has undergone radiation therapy.
- Pray for **Chris Beiber and sons, Nick and Nate, that we can stay in contact** and encourage them to draw close to Jesus.
- Pray for **G.K. Pennington** and his wife Jo as they deal with his cancer in the months to come.
- **Bill Dayton**, preacher in Kentucky, and classmate with Arthur at Northeast School of Biblical Studies is suffering from **severe depression**. Pray for him and for his wife Laura, who cares for him.
- **Pray for our country as we go through a time of turmoil and racial tension.** Pray for our leaders and help us all to think and behave like Christians.

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.