

## 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?

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 whether Jesus is one.

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" (1 John 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.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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**Today's Sermon: Don't be Silent; Keep on Speaking**

Arthur is preaching today.

**Scripture Reading: Acts 18:1-11**

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul will be continuing his lessons on the Psalms and stopping to sing a song from our songbook when appropriate.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** October 6<sup>th</sup>, at the building (or join us on Zoom), 6:30pm- Arthur will be continuing his lessons on the book of Matthew.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday):** October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> here at the building.** We will meet at 10am. We will study the words of the Apostle Peter, using the study book Living Stones by Casandra Martin. Chapter 1, Day 4. There are still a few books available for \$18 each.
- ❖ **Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing-** October 31<sup>st</sup>. Where: Horseheads, NY



- We have 50 MAGI boxes! In each box is a list of items that should be included. We also have paper lists of what can be put in these boxes before the **deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Our boxes will be heading to children in Honduras via the church there. We will be aiming our boxes to the 5-7-year-old age group, half boys and half girls. If you find things on the list at a good price in stores near you, please let us know. Some people have made money donations as well.
- The **door-knocking campaign** yesterday covered almost 200 homes with either a conversation and a packet of literature, or a packet left on the doorknob. Pretty good for the small group who turned up for the job.

## PRAYERS

- **Pray for the people of Afghanistan as there is turmoil while the Taliban takes control of the country. Pray for the situation in Haiti and for the confusion at our southern border.**
- Pray for **Jackie**. She is dealing with edema of the legs and feet. She also has congestive heart failure. Pray for Darlene as she cares for her.
- **Paulette's friend Michele**, who recently moved to Pittsburgh, is finally improving from her bout with covid.
- **Miki's cousin by marriage, Steve Noble**, needs a lung transplant. Please pray for him and his wife Donna.
- Pray for **Linnett Short** (lung cancer), **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army), **Pat Guthrie** (lung cancer), **Dan Myers** (several health concerns), **Arthur's brother Chris** (Alzheimer's).
- **Bob Wilkinson** is recovering well from injuries sustained when a tree fell on him. He is back at work.
- **Pray for Robin Barry** who has started his new job in LA. Pray that his house in AK sells soon and his family can safely reunite with him in a few weeks.
- **Steve and Amy's neighbor's sister, JoAnne**, has cancer and has been placed on Hospice care.
- **Pray for our MAGI box project.**
- **Pray for the Heart to Heart, Home to Home Annual National Door-knocking Day yesterday. Pray that people we invited will choose to worship and study with us.**
- **Pray for a safe trip for Steve and Amy** as they travel this week to meet friends and see the fall colors.

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