

Showing Honor to the Son

By Brian Mitchell

Jesus' ministry was known as a ministry of many things. It was a ministry of healing—spiritual and physical, teaching and preaching, redemption, justification, reconciliation and suffering to name a few. But it was also a ministry of controversy. Why was Jesus' ministry so controversial? While there are many reasons for such the following will provide some insight into why it was so controversial.

It was controversial because the people did not accept the fact that He had come from the Father and thus they did not recognize His authority or give Him the honor He was due. It was controversial because the leaders of the day, both religious and secular, were threatened by Jesus and felt that if He was allowed to succeed, they might lose their positions of prestige and authority. It was controversial because they had looked for a physical fulfillment of many of the Old Testament prophecies that related to Christ and thus Jesus was not what they expected or wanted.

It was controversial because Jesus did things that were not in keeping with their traditions, such as washing of hands—Mk.7:2-5, ceremonial fasting—Mt.9:14-15 and healing on the Sabbath—Jn.5:16. In the end it was controversial because Jesus made Himself out to be equal with God—Jn.5:17-18. Jesus at every turn did things that were not in keeping with the people's expectations or traditions. Because of this His ministry was surrounded by controversy and turmoil and because of this they sought to kill Him.

If I had to boil it down, I would say that the following was the real reason why Jesus' ministry was so surrounded by controversy. It is because the people did not really honor God as they should have—Jn.5:22-23. If they would have truly given God the honor He deserved, they would have then honored the Son who came from the Father. Here is an important lesson! No one can honor God if they do not honor His Son.

One can think they are giving honor to God while dishonoring Him. The Jews did such on many occasions and even Paul at one time thought he was honoring God by persecuting members of the church. Thus, we do not honor the Father or the Son unless we do so in the proper manner.

Jesus is worthy of our honor. All will one day give honor to the Son, the only question is whether or not we will do so by choice or because we have no choice—Ph.2:9-11. There are but two choices in this life that are of any real consequence in the end. That is whether we choose to give honor to the Son or whether we choose not to. Which will you choose?



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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: Motherhood: Crossing Cultures and Crossing Hearts

Arthur will be preaching this morning.

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-21

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:** May 11th, on Zoom, 6:30pm- Arthur will be starting in Chapter 5 of Hebrews.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** May 15th.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class on Tuesday, May 10th, on Zoom.** We will meet at 10am. We will study the words of the Apostle Peter, using the study book **Living Stones by Casandra Martin. Lesson 8, Day 2.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing- May 29th, here at Valley Cities.**



MAGI BOX NEEDS:

We still need some **coloring books**, a few pairs of **shorts** and a couple **dresses**. We have a plan to get **plastic drinking glasses** too.

Mark Hatfield, our contact in Pittsburg, along with his wife Jane will be picking up the boxes sometime in the week after next Sunday when we pack them.

We plan to bring our May potluck meal forward to next week, the 15th and following the meal, we will fill the 50 MAGI boxes.

Arthur and Sandy returned from England yesterday after a very rewarding time of family gatherings and meetings with old friends, but very glad to be back home!

PRAYERS

- **Pray for the people of Ukraine!** Also pray for those who are helping them.
- **Please pray for the Endless Mountains church in Tunkhannock which needs a preacher and a place to meet. They also need support to stay open if it be God's will.**
- **Jackie and Darlene have Covid.**
- **Steve and Amy's friend Sharon Morningstar** has been diagnosed with lupus.
- **Jerry Lowe** has recently suffered a heart attack and was in ICU for a time. Rhonda went out there to be with him, but he has returned home to his son Greg's and Rhonda is now back home in PA.
- **Dan Myer** will be having SBRT (radiation) on his lungs soon. Please pray for him.
- **Arthur and Sandy** are thankful to God for their safe trip to the UK and back home.
- **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave** has had a recurrence of liver cancer. Please keep both Doug and Dave in prayer.
- Pray for:
 - **Linnett Short** (lung cancer, tumor on liver)
 - **Deb Barnhardt** (lung cancer)
 - **Pat Guthrie** (lung cancer, chemo)
 - **Gail Westerhold** (problems with remaining kidney)
 - **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army)
 - **Steve Noble** (needs lung transplant)
 - **Arthur's brother Chris** in England (Alzheimer's)
 - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer)
 - **Jim Sexton** (stage 4 esophageal cancer)

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.