

December 25, 2022

Olney Church of Christ

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Elders: Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

Deacons: John Frost, Dave Goff, Roger Sholders

Visitors are welcome

We Offer Bible classes for all ages

We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

The Master Teacher

Rick Liqqin via The Focus, 2007

There can be no doubt Jesus was the Master Teacher! He spoke with such power and authority that once it was said of Him: “Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks” (Jn 7:46). He was such a good teacher that people “would get up early in the morning to come to listen to Him” (Lk 21:38) and when they listened they were “hanging on to every word He said.” The point is that when Jesus spoke, people listened! His preaching provided emotions like amazement, wonder and gladness (Mat 12:37). Wow! It must have been awesome to hear Jesus preach!

But Jesus’ teaching was not only profound and authoritative, it also must have been impressively clear—easy to understand! It had to be if common people “heard Him gladly” One does not normally hear a speaker “gladly” if he can’t understand him! What a joy it must have been to listen to Jesus preach!

Don’t you wish you could hear the Master Teacher preach? Don’t you wish that you could be right there to hear the “gracious words falling from His lips” (Lk 2:22)?

All you have to do is open your New Testament and read one of His sermons! “Oh, but that’s not the same as actually sitting at Jesus’ feet and hearing Him say the words”! Maybe not, but it’s the next best thing. Jesus is still the Master Teacher! Why not study one of His sermons today!

Why Does Sin Exist?

Why does sin exist? It is a question we should think about. I believe God asks it often.

The Bible tells us how that sin came into existence. According to Gen 2:16-17, the first man and woman were given a choice to obey God or rebel against Him. They chose to rebel by eating of the forbidden fruit. Since that time, man has continued to disobey God. From the beginning, we see that God has allowed mankind the choice of serving Him or not. Therefore, sin exists because man has chosen to bring it into the world.

Why did Adam and Eve sin when God had blessed them with such a wonderful place to live in? Why did they sacrifice all of God's gifts for a piece of fruit? Why did they exchange God's command for Satan's lie?

Why did the ancient Israelites chase after idols when the Lord had displayed His great power and love over and over again? Could there be a god any stronger or wiser or more caring than Jehovah "God"? Why did Solomon pursue the vanity of foreign women into idolatry when Jehovah God had blessed him with everything that he would ever need?

Why did Judas betray Jesus? Why did Peter deny Him? They had witnessed His

great power. They had known his perfect character.

Why do you sin? Why do I sin? How could we turn our backs on the God who has made the whole world for us to live in? The God who sends the rain and sunlight to nourish our planet. The God who has blessed us with friends and family to be loved by and to love. The God who planned to deliver us from sin even before we were born Eph 1:4. The God who weaved together people, nations, and events over a period of thousands of years to piece together His wonderful scheme of providing a Savior. How can we sin against the God who took human flesh and spilled His blood on the cross to pay for our wicked deeds? (John 1:14; Acts 20:28).

Each time we sin (transgress the law of God) we should ask ourselves why? Why do I sin against a God who is so wonderful and so good to me?

I believe God is asking and waiting for the answer.

Phillip Mullins via FOCUS, 2007

-God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

Prayer List

Holly
Cheryl
Raymond
Robert
Doans' Grandson, Wilson
Devin (Cancer)
Jerry (Lung Cancer)
Berlyn
Leah
Misty's Step-Dad, Ed (Cancer)
Ken & Chris
Rowena (Knee Surgery)

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A PARADIGM SHIFT

*I can do all things through Christ who
strengthens me.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

- No promise is too hard for God to keep.
- No prayer is too difficult for God to answer.
- No problem is too complex for God to solve.
- No mountain is too big for God to move.
- No need is too great for God to meet.
- There is nothing our God cannot do!

Daily Bible Reading

Dec 26: Haggai; Rev 17
Dec 27: Zech 1-4; Rev 18
Dec 28: Zech 5-8; Rev 19
Dec 29: Zech 9-12; Rev 20
Dec 30: Zech 13-14; Rev 21
Dec 31: Malachi; Rev 22

Jan 1: Gen 1-3; Matt 1

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Bible Study: Mike

Worship: Dan D

Afternoon: Travis

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

Dan H

Prepare Communion

Paula

Clean Building

Paula

Preaching Dec 25, 2022

AM – Travis

PM – Travis

Assignments

Sunday January 1, 2022

Reading: Steve

Announcements: Roger

Table: Dan H

Serve: Dave

Darrell

Travis

John

Wednesday, January 4, 2022

Invitation: Dave

Anniversaries

January 3 – Dave & Donna

Birthdays

January 9 – Douglas

10 – Cynde

15 – Mike