

Vancleave Church of Christ

Sermon Title: Does Jesus Care?

Scripture: Luke 19:10

Prayer Requests and Announcements

May 7, 2023

Elisa Hesselrode: Her surgery went well, pathology report revealed a tiny cancer, but doctors feel confident they were able to remove all.

Scott Mcollough: Dealing with serious stomach issues and will be home for several weeks.

Linda Ruffin: She passed away last week. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family.

Tommy Webb: He needs our prayers as he faces possible amputation of the feet.

Earl Kenney: Hip replacement surgery went well. He will be at Greenbriar Rehab Facility for a little while.

Elsie Ashcraft: She is dealing with an infection and her white blood cell count has been very high.

Ongoing Prayers

Please be sure to update at: vcocministry@vancleavemschurch.org

Jackie Roach	Cheryl Solla	Sue Flurry	Teresa Blackmon
David Bosarge	Heath Smith	Zenie George	David Robinson
Tara Forte	Anita Dees	Pete Hankins	Tommy Webb
Andi Barrett	Lisa Jenkins	Earl Kenney	Linda Kenney
Barbara Patton	Traci Herrin	Jerry Mobley	Rylie Trussel
Darrel McCormick	Ashley McGriff	Kim Adkins	

A Word of Encouragement for the Week Ahead

Christianity is not an idea in the air but feet on the ground, going God's way - Babcock
"Come, follow me" (Jesus, Mark 1:17, NIV)

Announcements / Other:

- Brother Irvn Skinner is our welcomed guest speaker today! He is reporting on the India work and will also preach to us and carry our Fellowship Devotional message ("Jesus Loves Me").
- Today is our first Sunday Fellowship meal and Devotional. Our regular Sunday evening services are dismissed for today. Congregational study will resume next week, Lord willing.
- The East Side congregation will host a Sing on the Beach in Ocean Springs this evening. They will gather between Fire Pit 42 and 48 across from Fort Maurepas. All are welcome to participate.

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Four Recommended Books About Jesus

(Adapted)

The Library of Congress has more books about Jesus of Nazareth than any other historical character. In fact, more books have been written about Jesus than any other subject period. Of all these books, which would you recommend? There are four that we can recommend without reservation. They were the originals, and they have never been improved upon. Their Author is the Holy Spirit, and they are named, simply, “Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.” These four accounts of the life of Jesus the Christ comprise the first of the four sections of the New Testament.

THE FOUR “BIOGRAPHIES” OF CHRIST

Matthew—*Christ is the King of the Jews* (28 chapters/ 1071 verses; reading time: 145 minutes). This book was written to Jewish readers and proved that Jesus was their long-awaited King (“king” used 20 times; cf. 2:2; 21:5; 25:34,40; 27:11,29,37,42).

Mark—*Christ is the Servant of God* (16 chapters/678 verses; reading time: 90 minutes). This book was written to Roman readers and emphasized Jesus as a Servant (“servant” used five times; cf. 9:35; 10:44; 12:2,4; 14:47).

Luke—*Christ is the Son of Man* (24 chapters /1151 verses; reading time: 155 minutes). This book was written to Gentiles and shows Jesus’ human side. He is referred to as the “Son of man” 25 times (e.g., 5:24; 6:5; 7:34; 9:22,26; 44,56, 58; 11:30; 12:8,10,40; 17:22,24,26,30; 18:8,31; 19:10; 21:27).

John—*Christ is the Son of God* (21 chapters/879 verses; reading time: 121 minutes). This book was written later than the others and serves as a supplement to the others. It repeats little of what is recorded in the previous three. Jesus is shown decisively to be the “Son of God” (“Son of God” is found ten times; cf. 1:34,49; 3:18; 5:25; 9:35; 10:36; 11:4,27; 19:7; 20:31).

Why have four accounts of the same life? These books are portraits that present four different poses as one unique personality. Jesus is presented as Lord and Savior, rather than describing all He did in the precise order in which He did it. They center in the Messiah’s threefold ministry of Prophet, Priest, and King (cf. Heb. 1:1-3). As Prophet, fulfilling Moses’ great prediction (Deut. 18:15-19), He was the Prophet who spoke not merely for God as the prophets before Him, but God spoke through Him as His Son (Heb. 1:1,2). As a Priest, Christ became both the Sacrifice and the Sacrificer as He died on the cross to save sinners (Heb. 9:14), and through His resurrection lives eternally to make intercession for them (Heb. 7:25). As King, He ascended back to heaven to reign over His kingdom until He comes to deliver it to His Father (1 Cor. 15:24-26).

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A Note from your Preacher: These narratives (books) that tell us about the earthly ministry of Jesus can be read in a little more than two and a half weeks (at 30 minutes per day). That’s not much time needed to learn more about the one who gives us all we time we have. Recommended reading for sure! - DP