# YOU HAVE DELIVERED ME THAT I MAY WALK BEFORE GOD IN THE LIGHT OF THE LIVING



The "Country Brethren" team from Christ's Church in Missoula winners of the Youth Division 2021 Bible Bowl at Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT

"The blind man answered, 'The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash"; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.' "

John 9:11

"Getting the Lord's work done in 2021!!"

## **April 11, 2021**

## **Christ's Church**

Meeting at 30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman 2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls 400 W. Park St. — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Elliot Ashley

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med. - Davis Ashley L.S. - Matthew Wilson

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Andrew Wallace

**Great Falls -** 2:45 - Jared DuPaul

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Nick Liston

L.S. - Joe McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Butte** - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tom McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

#### Bozeman -

Congratulations to *Salina Christiaria*, who was immersed into Christ on Wed. Mar. 7, by Gail O'Connell. She is a neighbor of Terry and Gail O'Connell, and has been studying the scriptures diligently!

#### Butte -

April 18 - Fellowship dinner, 6:30 pm



## Bozeman -

*Wed. night,* 7:00 pm: Phil Sutton on 1 Peter

GREAT FALLS - Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Jay Wilson - Creation vs. Evolution Power-Points and videos

#### Great Falls -

April 18 - Prayer and fasting Lord's Day

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Badlands Family Camp - May 28-31 Lancaster, OH, Family Camp - May 28-31 MT Youth Camp - June 13-18 (look for reg. forms by April 30)

Men's PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021 2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6



#### Question of the week:

After Moses died and was buried as described in Deuteronomy, Moses was depicted as a special prophet who knew the Lord in a special way. What was that special way?

Last week's question: When the 70, that Jesus had sent out in addition to the apostles, returned with joy, Jesus said that He was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. Had that happened in earth time when He made that statement? Answer: No, it was going to be after His crucifixion (Luke 10:18; see John 12:31).

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 105
Morning Assembly – 140
Evening Assembly – 62

You shall be My witnesses even to the fernotest part of the Earth.

Acts Alive ...

### **Another Awesome Message**

The very visible crippled man had been healed. While he "was clinging to Peter and John," a large crowd gathered. What will the apostles do? Jesus had commissioned the apostles and the future church with these words: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and been immersed shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned" (Mark 16:15,16). The apostles are obedient to Christ, and thus Peter will preach to the crowd, who is waiting with breathless amazement to find out what happened.

Right out of the chute Peter makes it clear that what had happened that day to the crippled man was not as a result of the apostles' "power or piety." He immediately turns the attention of this Jewish

audience to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob "who glorified His servant Jesus"; that is, God raised Jesus to the glorified position on the throne of glory (Acts 3:13).

But which Jesus? "Jesus", essentially the Greek equivalent of the Old Testament "Joshua," was a common name. The apostle will then specify, since in the words of the future apostle Paul, the events connected with the crucifixion of Christ the Lord "has not been done in a corner," that this Jesus "is the One whom you delivered up, and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him." "You," said he to the crowd, further legitimately stoking the fires of guilt, "disowned the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, but put to death the Prince of life." The Sadducees and the Pharisees might have been the direct driving force in making certain that Jesus was executed, but God was willing to hold the whole Israelite nation accountable for letting it happen instead of recognizing and honoring the Great King who was willing to condescend to earth and comingle with the Jewish people.

Then came the new piece of information and blockbuster statement: God raised this Prince of life from the dead, "a fact to which we are witnesses" (Acts 3:15). That the apostles stated they were eyewitnesses of Jesus' resurrection was not convincing enough. Peter drew their attention

to the man, clearly a cripple who had been located in a very visible spot on the temple grounds for a long time, now standing—completely healed—before the multitude. No, it was not the apostles' piety or power which enabled this man to walk. "It is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the [system of] faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all" (Acts 3:16). The name of Jesus would have no power whatsoever unless Jesus were raised from the dead!

God raised up
His Servant,
and sent Him to
bless you.

Then, after noting that the apostles were eyewitnesses of the resurrection and that a verifying miracle had occurred in the midst of the multitude, the apostle Peter brought forth

the third and most powerful hammer to drive the point of Jesus' resurrection home: Old Testament prophecies. "God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets that His Christ should suffer," asseverated the apostle, and in the events connected with the crucifixion "He has thus fulfilled." Peter further noted that Moses said, "The Lord God will raise up a prophet like me from your brethren; to Him you shall give heed in everything He says to you." To which he superadded that every soul who did not heed that Prophet would be utterly destroyed.

The bottom line call to faith-based action: "Repent therefore [the same as in Acts 2:38], and return ["turning to the Lord" fits in the same spot as "immersion in Jesus' name" in Acts 2:38], that your sins may be wiped away [matching "for the forgiveness of sins" in Acts 2:38], in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord [giving us another name for the indwelling "gift of the Holy Spirit" of Acts 2:38]" (Acts 3:19).

The indwelling Holy Spirit is the "Jesus sent" as the blessing of Abraham, a covenantal promise going as far back as Genesis 12:3). "For you first," averred the apostle to the Jews, implying that the Gentiles were coming in next, "God raised up His Servant, and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways" (Acts 3:26).

The message is still the same today. "Turn or burn!" Or, "be immersed into Christ and be blessed!"

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