

**DO YOU INDEED SPEAK RIGHTEOUS-  
NESS, O GODS? DO YOU JUDGE UP-  
RIGHTLY, O SONS OF MEN?**



Jim Mitchell and Mel Hirsch, swapping stories with Matt Wilson  
all of Bozeman, MT  
50th annual Men's Peaks  
Delmoe Reservoir, near Butte, MT

**The Jews said to the blind man, “We  
know that God has spoken to Moses;  
but as for this Man [Jesus], we do not  
know where He is from.”**

***John 9:29***

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

**August 1, 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 - Kaden Reijgers**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med. - Josiah Sutton

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

Preaching - Luke Wilson

**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -**

L.S. - Jerry Hoffman

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech**

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

S'dship - Brad Smith

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes**

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Cole Hunsicker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman -**

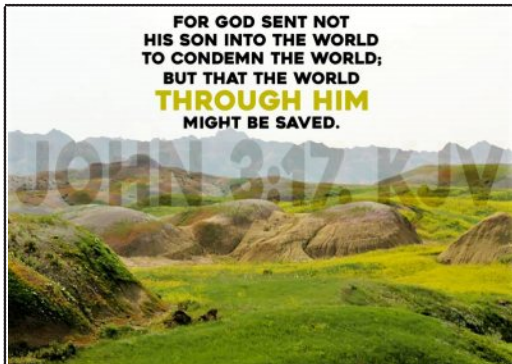
**Sutton Summer Shindig - Sat. Aug.**

14th at the Sutton's, down Springhill

Road about as far as you can go

**Butte -**

Fellowship dinner - Aug. 15 before  
assembly



**BOZEMAN -**

**Wed. night, 7:00 pm:**

Phil Sutton on 1 Peter

**GREAT FALLS -**

**Wed. night, 7:00 pm:**

**"Judgment Day" (intel-  
ligent design on trial)**

**Great Falls -**

**Potluck following assembly - Aug.**

**1 - "Picnic in the park"**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6, Theme: "Powerful  
Pictures from the Prophets"**



# Jesus Christ

is the same yesterday  
and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

## Question of the week:

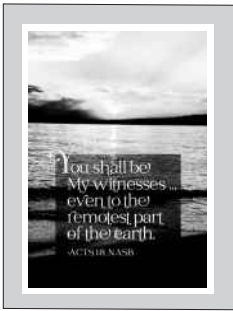
What was the name of the prophet who spoke in the days of Jehoshaphat and told Judah that God would fight for them against the three major armies?

Last week's question: The Romans chapter six and Romans chapter eight man is free from sin, immersed into Christ and free from the law of sin and death. What is the description of the Romans seven man? *Answer: In "bondage to sin" (Romans 7:14).*

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 111  
Morning Assembly – 132  
Evening Assembly – 86

Wednesday Night (7/28) – 94  
Butte Lord's Day – 12  
GF Lord's Day – 68,72, Wed. - 48



Acts Alive ...

## Big Trouble from the Thessalonian Jews

Paul, Timothy, and Silas pushed deeper into Macedonia, leaving Luke to put the pieces together in Philippi. Traveling approximately 100 miles overland, the evangelists came to Thessalonica. As was their custom, they hit the synagogue at their first opportunity. Paul “for three Sabbaths *reasoned* with them from the Scriptures, *explaining and giving evidence* that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead.” “This Jesus,” said he, “whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ” (Acts 17:2,3).

It is important to note here that Paul and Silas made reasoned presentations to the Jews in the synagogue. The Protestant belief system is based on the idea that a person is too totally depraved to understand even one word of the Scriptures, and that God in His sovereignty has to have the Holy Spirit perform a “born again” operation on the darkened individual apart from that individual’s choice. This is counter to the scripture record, wherein the preachers expected to convert people based on reason, and for those people to make a decision in response to the reasoned presentation.

Some Jews, the inspired record notes, were persuaded and joined Paul, Silas, and Timothy, as well as a “great multitude” of God-fearing Greeks and “a number” of the leading women. This made the Jews jealous. So they resorted to tactics used over and over by those opposed to the gospel:

- They found some of the criminal element ready for a little “action.”
- They formed a mob and put the city in a confused uproar.
- This lynch mob—ready for “justice”—surrounded the house of one Jason, where they assumed the preachers would be.
- Not finding the evangelists, they then brought in the city authorities, who believed the lies told about Paul and Silas, and seized Jason and some other brethren as “accomplices.”
- These “authorities” then extracted bond-money from Jason and the others and released them.

Paul, Silas, and Timothy left Thessalonica in the dead of night, and covering a distance of 30 miles or so, came to Berea. And what did they do? “And when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received *the word* with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. Many of them *therefore believed*, along with a number of prominent Greek women and men” (Acts 17:10-12).

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It is time to pause and reflect here. This word—*noble-minded*—is used only once in the word of God. And it is applied to people who took the following steps:

- They received the word with eagerness.
- They examined the Scriptures daily to see if what was being said was in fact true.
- As a result, many believed.

The Bereans were not expected to believe without a rational basis for that belief. Once again, we see a reasoned presentation to the Jews and Gentiles in the synagogue, and we see that reasoned presentation carefully analyzed by those who heard. Because the reasoning processes were objectively followed by these *noble-minded* hearers, the truth of the testimony concerning Jesus and salvation was believed. This is in stark contrast to those Jews in Thessalonica who immediately and irrationally rejected the message without a willingness to process the propositions involved.

But Paul was still in trouble. “But when the Jews in Thessalonica found out that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Berea also, they came there likewise, agitating and stirring up the crowds. And immediately the brethren sent Paul out to go as far as the sea; and Silas and Timothy remained there” (Acts 17:13,14).

Even though the church in Thessalonica endured much persecution from those irrational fanatical Jews, the apostle Paul would later write to them from Corinth: “For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia. but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth” (I Thessalonians 1:8).

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JAY WILSON