

**DELIVER ME FROM MY ENEMIES, O MY GOD;
SET ME SECURELY ON HIGH AWAY FROM THOSE
WHO RISE UP AGAINST ME**



Lorenzo Serrano, of Billings, MT
delivering the Lord's Supper meditation
48th annual Family Camp
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does
not enter by the door into the fold of
the sheep, but climbs up some other
way, he is a thief and a robber.”**

John 10:1

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

October 10, 2021

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls
Holiday Inn Express. — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Kaden Reijgers

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer Med - Steven Doty

L.S. - Joe Shanahan

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Bob Edgar

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Jeremy Schmiedeke

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Brad Smith

Preaching - Nathan Zech

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tracy Baker

Preaching - Tom McDunn

Bozeman -

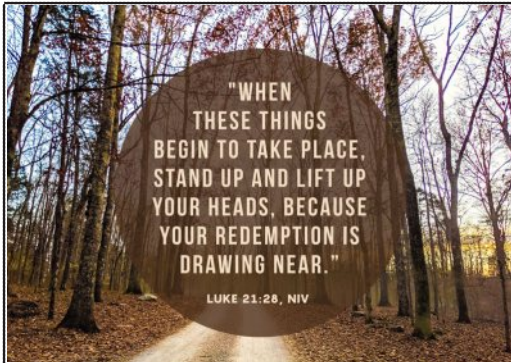
Oct 15th - Harvest party; combina-

tion with Friday night fellowship,

7:00 pm at building. Bring snacks
and games; all are welcome, and wear
a costume if you like!

Great Falls -

Oct. 17 - Prayer and fasting



BOZEMAN -

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

GREAT FALLS -



Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Rick Vaught

Butte -

Oct. 17 -- Fellowship dinner, 6:30
pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors' Weekend - Oct. 29,30



PSALM 16:8, NIV

I keep
my eyes
always on
the LORD.

With him
at my right hand,
I will not
be shaken.

Question of the week:

In Jeremiah chapter two, the prophet charges that the sons of Israel exchanged something for that which does not profit. What was it?

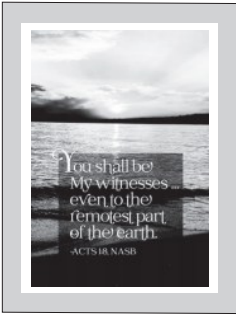
Last week's question: According to the apostle Paul in Ephesians 5, what sort of talk and jesting is to be avoided by the saint? *Answer: "Silly talk or coarse jesting" (Ephesians 5:4).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 79
Morning Assembly – 96
Evening Assembly – 50

Wednesday Night (10/6) – 70
Butte Lord's Day – 13
GF Lord's Day – 57,82, Wed. - 58

Acts Alive ...



The Hard Road to Jerusalem

Paul wanted to be in Jerusalem by Pentecost, and the Lord certainly favored him. He got a straight and fast run from Miletus to Patara, and by Providence found a ship sailing for the Tyrian seacoast, which would put him in reasonable position to get to Jerusalem on time. Of course the Lord wanted Paul in Jerusalem by Pentecost, and the Lord knew why He wanted Paul in Jerusalem by Pentecost, even if Paul didn't.

"And after looking up the disciples [in Tyre], we [Paul, Luke, and the others] stopped there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem" (Acts 21:4). In every city along the way, the Spirit kept telling

Paul that "bonds and affliction" awaited him in Jerusalem. Here in Tyre the same message was spoken. No wonder Paul and his brothers and sisters in Christ knelt down on the beach and prayed.

Then the men arrived, after a boat trip and a little cross-country journey, at Caesarea, where they stayed with Philip the evangelist. (Philip was one of the seven men set aside in Acts 6 — along with Stephen — who later converted the Samaritans and immersed the Ethiopian eunuch.) Even though this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses, the Lord sent a prophet named Agabus down from Judea. He took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles'" (Acts 21:11).

That's rugged stuff, coming from the prophet Agabus. He was the same prophet who earlier had prophesied that a great famine would come over "the inhabited earth," and which did happen earlier during the reign of the Emperor Claudius. But the people added to the problem: "And when we heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go to Jerusalem" (Acts 21:12). It's hard to go into a tough situation when you don't know the outcome. I imagine it must be even tougher to take the hard road to Jerusalem when you do know the outcome — that it is going to be unpleasant to the flesh. When our Lord Jesus informed the apostles that He was going to take the hard road to Jerusalem, and that He would suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, Peter took Him aside and rebuked Him for even thinking such negative thoughts. But Jesus' response was clear and severe, "Get behind Me, Satan. You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's" (Matt. 16:23).

Even Jesus didn't need any disparagement from others when He was taking the hard road to Jerusalem — knowing full well what awaited Him there. Thus we can understand Paul's response to the brethren when they were encouraging him not to go to Jerusalem: "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 21:13).

Paul was not about to be persuaded by the brethren, so they fell silent. He was willing to take the hard road to Jerusalem because he was truly willing to die at Jerusalem. And by being willing to die in Jerusalem, he eventually bore fruit in Rome.

God has so ordered earth that even His gospel does not move forcefully until and unless gospel-carriers are ready to go up to die in their modern Jerusalem's. God give us men who are willing to be the off-scouring of the earth, who are willing to suffer persecution, privation, and hardship for the sake of the gospel. And God give us brethren who are willing to encourage them and stand with them all along the hard road to Jerusalem.

JAY WILSON

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