

**Now, therefore, says the Lord of hosts,
“Consider your ways!”**



Beaverhead Rock (also “Point of Rocks”)
giving its name to the Beaverhead River,
on Lewis and Clark’s route to the Pacific Ocean
and location of many a robbery in the days of gold mining in the 1860’s
near Twin Bridges, MT

**“Beloved, while I was making every
effort to write to you about our common
salvation, I felt the necessity to write
to you appealing that you contend
earnestly for the faith which was once
for all delivered to the saints.”**

Jude 1:3

“Follow through in 2022!!”

February 27, 2022

Christ's Church

Meeting at

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

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Matthew Wilson

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Cliff Renner

L.S. - Randall Ferguson

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Joe Shanahan

Josiah S - Proof Powerpoint: *the Plan*

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Chad Danielson

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Nathan Zech

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Cole Hunsicker

Preaching - Tom McDunn

Bozeman

Ladies' night; Mar. 22 - 7:00 pm at the Hoffmans. Bring snacks or desserts to share

Great Falls

Fellowship dinner - Mar. 6, following assembly. Theme: Italian



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Phil Sutton on 2 Peter

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

“Perfectionism” - Jay

Wilson presentation

and debate video

Montana Youth Camp

- June 12-17

- Beartooth Campground

S. of Columbus

Great Falls

Dale Zuck passed from this life on Mon. Feb. 21. Pray for wife Lela to be strengthened, and for other family members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl - Mar. 12, 2022

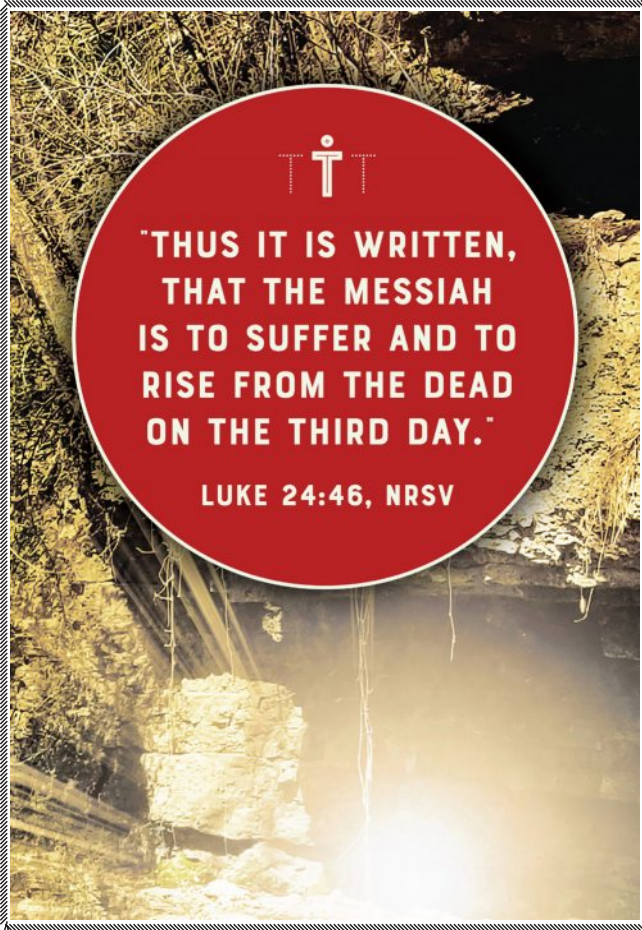
Ladies' Advance - April 14-16

Lancaster Family Camp - May 27-30

Badlands Family Camp - May 27-30

Men's Peaks - July 21-23, 2022

Family Camp - Sept. 2-5, 2022



Question of the week:

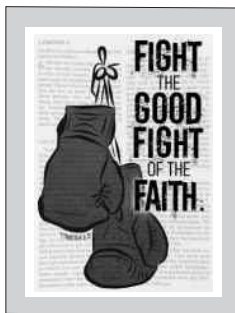
It is recorded in the book of Leviticus how the Canaanites had become totally immoral sexually. Therefore what did the land do to them?

Last week's question: What was the relationship of Joseph of Arimathea to Jesus? *Answer: He had become a disciple of Christ (Matthew 27:57).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 88
Morning Assembly – 115
Evening Assembly – 55

Wednesday Night (2/23) – 59
Butte Lord's Day – 14
GF Lord's Day – 59,75, Wed. - 39



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Christ Came to Save Sinners

Man, in general, is afraid of facing God. He is only one step away from his first ancestor, Adam, who hid in the garden because he was afraid. The guilty conscience, built into every human being who has crossed the line and has committed sin against his Creator, condemns the individual, and his tendency is to figure out ways in which he thinks he is hiding from God. It is roughly equivalent to the small child covering his face with a dishcloth, and then crying out, "You can't see me!" To bring man out of his hiding, God sent the gospel of Christ into the world. The first portion of the gospel brings the individual to accountability before God, and acquaints him with the penalty of eternal punishment as the consequence for that sin. The next portion of the gospel brings the

message of what Jesus did through the cross to redeem man to Himself. The third portion then gives the specifics of how each lost soul might secure for himself the blessings of that salvation.

- ▼ **Trustworthy statement** – The sinner, having his conscience verify the message that he is separated and running from God, now has to be convinced that there is a real mechanism for turning the wrath of God from him. Hence the apostle writes, "It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance..." (1 Timothy 1:15). What the apostle is about to say is backed by everything that establishes that the Bible is true, and that Jesus Christ is indeed risen from the dead. The statement is "believable and certain." The statement furthermore, deserves a total and complete acceptance. If it does not, the scripture will not accomplish its purpose for that doubting individual.
- ▼ **To save sinners** – The trustworthy statement, in part, is "that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." The lost individual, perhaps having a long habit of hiding from God, needs the reassurance that the reason Jesus came into the world was to redeem wretches like himself. Many a person has been doubtful that God would be interested in someone who had fallen so low as he. But the scripture makes it clear that any sin, no matter how big or small from a human viewpoint, separates the individual from God. The "little white lie" is just as monstrous as cold-blooded murder; both separate the man from his God. The record is clear: "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).
- ▼ **Paul is foremost** – To further reassure the wavering prospect that God is willing to forgive him, the apostle is willing to put himself forward as the extreme example. His basic point is that if God was willing to, and could save, the former Saul of Tarsus, He is willing to, and can save, any person examining the gospel of Christ. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all." Paul is not using the present tense "I am" to say that he currently, as he walked and worked among the first century churches, was the foremost of sinners. He is using "I am" in the sense that he is an example of how God's gospel can save anyone. God's loving invitation truly is extended to all!
- ▼ **Perfect patience** – For quite a period of time, Saul of Tarsus ravaged the church as "a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor." But the Almighty was patient, waiting for the right time to turn him who was "kicking against the goads" to the Christ in glory. Further reassurance for the quivering sinner: "And for this reason I found mercy," the apostle explains, "in order that in me as foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life" (1 Timothy 1:16).

God's patience is extended to anyone who is currently processing the fact that Jesus died for him, was buried, and was raised to the power position to save him. But "today" is the day of salvation, and "now" is the acceptable time, before it is too late. "Repent, and be immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit!" (Acts 2:38).

JAY WILSON

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