

**ELISHA SAID, “BRING ME A NEW JAR, AND PUT SALT IN IT.”  
SO THEY BROUGHT IT TO HIM. HE WENT OUT TO THE SPRING OF  
WATER AND THREW SALT IN IT... SO THE WATERS HAVE BEEN  
PURIFIED TO THIS DAY”**

**-- 2 KINGS 2:20-22**



Jamie Durnan, Ali Zech, and Jenny Reijgers  
all from Great Falls  
enjoying their time at the MT Ladies' Advance  
hosted by the ladies of Christ's Church in Great Falls

**The Prophets and Moses said “that the  
Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of  
His resurrection from the dead He would be  
the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish  
people and to the Gentiles.”**

**Acts 26:22,23**

“Victory in 2023!!”

May 14, 2023

**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  
St’dship - Davis Ashley  
L.S. - Mike Kover  
Preaching - Luke Wilson  
**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM** -  
**\*JERRY HOFFMAN**  
L.S. - Daniel Arriaga

**GREAT FALLS** - 2:45 - Stan Zech  
3:00 pm - classes  
4:00 pm - Assembly  
St’dship - Cody Kruck  
L.S. - Brent Borelli  
Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE** - 7:30 pm - Classes  
8:15 pm - Assembly  
L.S. - George Stone  
Video pres. - Exodus Crossing

Bozeman  
**May 21** - Memorial service for *Tom Burnell* at church building at 1:00 pm following potluck  
**May 24** - Awards and graduation ceremony - 7:00 pm

Butte  
**May 21** - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm



**BOZEMAN** -  
**Wed. night**, 7:00 pm:  
*Book of Hebrews*  
**Luke Wilson**

**May 20-21** – Fasting and prayer for evangelism;  
**May 21** - Potluck after assembly. Theme: Asian

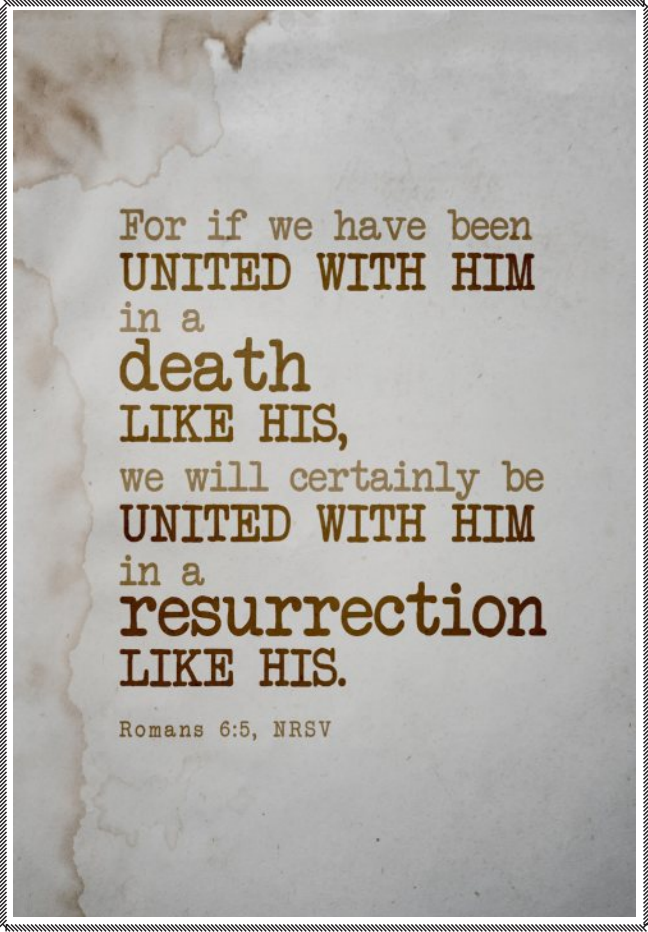
**GREAT FALLS** -  
**Wed. night**, 7:00 pm:  
*PowerPoint* - “*Mentally Tough*”

Great Falls

**May 21** - Prayer and fasting  
**May 24** - Awards and graduation ceremony - 7:00 pm  
**Colby and Cassey Wilkerson** were immersed Fri. May 12 by Zac Zech

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Badlands Family Camp** - May 26-29 Glendive  
**Lancaster Family Camp** - May 26-29 in Ohio  
**Montana Youth Camp** - June 11-16  
**Lima Rally** - June 23-25 in Ohio  
**Men’s Peaks** - July 20-22, 2023  
**Family Camp** - Sept. 1-4, 2023



For if we have been  
**UNITED WITH HIM**  
in a  
**death**  
**LIKE HIS,**  
we will certainly be  
**UNITED WITH HIM**  
in a  
**resurrection**  
**LIKE HIS.**

Romans 6:5, NRSV

**Question of the week:**

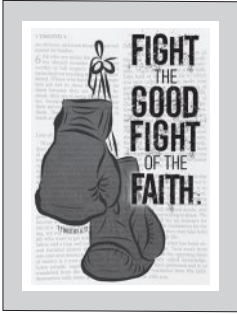
Jesus said that those who ate His flesh and drank His blood would be raised up. When would that resurrection occur?

Last week's question: A man named Abimelech killed 70 of his brothers, and had himself proclaimed king before he was finally killed by a woman's throwing an upper millstone on his head. Now, who was his father?  
*Answer: Gideon (Judges 8:31).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 84  
Morning Assembly – 109  
Evening Assembly – 70

Wednesday Night (5/10) – 76  
Butte Lord's Day – 11  
GF Lord's Day – 63,90 Wed. - 47



The Epistles to the Evangelists

## “These Things Speak ... with Authority”

Speakers and writers through the ages have generally ended their messages on a positive note, something motivating. (Indications are, that because the book of Malachi and the Old Testament canon ended on a negative, the Pharisees and scribes would restate the part about “Elijah” coming and turning the hearts of the fathers to the children rather than have the ending be “lest I come and smite the land with a curse.”) But Jesus closed the Sermon on the Mount with what many would have considered a negative ending. “The rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house,” spoke the Lord, using a parable to describe a life built on shifting sand instead of solid rock, “and great was its fall” (Matthew 7:27). Message over; definite “downer.” Jesus was unconventional. “The result was that

when Jesus had finished these words, the multitudes were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having *authority*, and not as their scribes” (Matthew 7:28,29). If He wanted to close on a negative to generate to proper effect on His audience, He closed on a negative! Teaching with authority.

- **“These things speak”** – Paul has just given Titus quite a list of instructions for edifying the congregations on the island of Crete. Some of those instructions were pretty strong and pointed. “To the pure,” the apostle had stated, “all things are pure, but for those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure” (Titus 1:15). Straightforward and pointed. Instructions were given for older men, older women, younger women, and younger men. Some of the qualities required in an overseer were listed. “Rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers” were exposed. General exhortations were given for all saints to deny ungodliness and worldly desires, and to be set apart as a purified people for God’s own possession. “These things speak,” the apostle Paul encouraged the younger evangelist, “and exhort and reprove with all authority” (Titus 2:15). Whether the congregations wanted to hear those words or not, Titus was to deliver the message.
- **“Exhort and reprove”** – Individual saints and congregations tend to drift off-course. Hence corrective changes in direction are necessary, and this comes under the heading of “reprove.” Words of reproof are not necessarily easy to deliver, and to deliver in the correct scriptural way — “speaking the truth in love,” — and they also are not necessarily easy to accept for those who need the reproof. But those course-corrections are requisites for individuals and congregations for the sake of their eternities. Similarly with exhortations. There is a definite downward pull in the world around the brethren, and there are times when exhortations are required by the exigencies of the moment, when brethren need to be encouraged to step up spiritually and emotionally. Not necessarily easy to deliver, and not necessarily easy to accept. But necessary!
- **“With all authority”** – Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount with an authority that amazed the multitudes; it was the message from heaven to earth and needed to be announced rather than sold. Titus was exhorted by the apostle to have his instructions delivered also “with all authority.” The picture here is like that of a ship’s captain giving orders to the crew, or a military officer commanding his troops. The message was from heaven, and needed to be announced rather than sold.

*“Let no one disregard you!”*

There is natural resistance to forward movement or upward change, similar to the groaning of pack mules as they start the morning’s trip up the mountain trail. There is resistance to doing and speaking the right things because doing and speaking the right things requires discipline. “I am afraid,” said the courageous apostle Paul to the struggling congregation in Corinth, “that perhaps when I come I may find you to be not what I wish...that perhaps there may be strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances” (2 Corinthians 12:20). These things happen. To correct these types of problems, Titus was instructed to “speak and exhort and reprove with all authority.” To which were superadded these words, “Let no one disregard you.” Still true advice for evangelists today.

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