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Sunday Bible Study
9:45 AM

Sunday Worship
10:45 AM & 6:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 PM

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8:45-9:00 AM
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Getting To Know The Real Jesus

By Jeremy D. Joy

Jesus is one of the most complex individuals in human history. He is a man of many contradictions. I recall two pictures portraying Jesus from my childhood: one is Him carrying a lamb in His arms and the other is Him driving out the moneychangers from the Temple. The two images are hard to reconcile. Is He the loving shepherd or the harsh judge?

Our personal encounters with Jesus force us to examine ourselves and perhaps even feel the sting of His rebukes.

People with whom He crossed paths had a hard time understanding Him. His actions and words were unpredictable and people walked away confused about Him and questioning themselves. Philip Yancey, a popular religious author, correctly observed: "Few people ever felt comfortable around Jesus; those who did were the type no one else felt comfortable around."

On one occasion, Jesus was invited to a dinner in the home of Simon, a Pharisee. An unnamed woman identified by Simon as a "sinner" (Luke 7:39) crashed the party and anointed Jesus with expensive perfume. She was not the kind of person someone religious like Simon would invite



**I will meditate on Your precepts, and
contemplate Your ways.
— Psalm 119:18**

to a backyard barbecue. Jesus used the opportunity to challenge Simon's religious status and commend the woman's faith. He even pronounced that her sins were forgiven causing them to grumble to one another: "Who is this who even forgives sins" (Luke 7:49)? The dinner host was uncomfortable with this so-called prophet and teacher, but the woman, considered an outcast because she was not the stereotypical religious person, was unafraid to approach Jesus.

Our personal encounters with Jesus force us to examine ourselves and perhaps even feel the sting of His rebukes. They should also make us more aware of men and women who desperately need to hear about Him. It will result in a new

The City Of Corinth: A Model Of Evangelism For Today

By Jeremy D. Joy

We are amazed that a church would flourish in a city that flaunts immorality such as New Orleans or Las Vegas. How could a church be successful in evangelizing in the midst of such moral decadence? The city of Corinth had a similar reputation in the first century. To “Corinthianize” meant to be a playboy referring to the prostitution that occurred near the Temple of Diana. However, the city of Corinth and the church planted there serve as a model of evangelism today.

The example of Corinth is significant because it seemed to be poor soil for sowing the seed of the kingdom (Luke 8:4-18). According to human wisdom, we would not advise Paul to preach in such a notoriously wicked city. It would be a waste of time, money, and resources! However, Paul and his preaching companions “were

forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia” (Acts 16:6), a more promising work, and instead the Lord instructed them to preach at Corinth (Acts 18:9-10), a less promising work — according to human wisdom. The reason? “For I have many people in this city” (Acts 18:9-10). Who would have known?

Occasionally, a man will choose to work with a church in a city that presents hard challenges, but instead of being encouraged by his brethren, he is informed that the work is doomed to failure and that he could better utilize his time, money, and resources by preaching in a more promising place. The example of Paul and the church at Corinth teaches us that men should preach in such cities and should be supported by other churches (1 Corinthians 11:9). Their faith is not blind, but is rooted in the promise that God is sufficient for all

Pine Street News And Notes

“Let brotherly love continue” — Hebrews 13:1

Members of our church family who are sick and in need of our prayers: **Judy Haught** is continues to improve.

Others who are sick and in need of our prayers: **Bill Price** who is a brother-in-law to **Wanda Rockwell** and a great-uncle to Jeremy recently had a heart attack and is battling other health problems...**Crystal Shockley's** grandmother is improving, but she is still in the hospital.

Check the bulletin board for Gospel Meetings throughout the Ohio Valley.

Preaching reports from **Kent Clark** and **Daniel Ruegg** are posted on the bulletin board.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Training Class, especially **Gabe Koontz** for the good sermon.

The Scripture reading today is: Psalm 119:65-72.

The sermon today is: “Three Kinds Of Faith” (AM) and “Making Sure Of Heaven” (PM).

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