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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 1 May 2022 ... Holy Communion Sunday

MEDITATION

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Text: Matthew 24-25

A SERIES OF MESSAGES ABOUT THE 2ND COMING

A NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES

We commence a new series of pulpit messages on the subject of the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are many Texts in the Scriptures that teach about the 2nd Com-

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ing of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PEOPLE WHO SPOKE ON THIS SUBJECT

There were a number of people who spoke or wrote about the 2nd Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ,

1. The Old Testament prophets

- a) The phrase "The Day of the LORD" was used frequently
- b) There were many aspects that were highlighted by the prophets
 - i) His 1st Coming
 - ii) His 2nd Coming

2. The Lord Jesus Christ

- a) He taught His Disciples about His Return
- b) He spoke about it directly
- c) He also spoke about it using Parables (Matthew 24, 25)

3. The Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ

- a) All of them were consistent in their teaching about the Return of the Lord
- b) But the Apostles varied in their approach:
 - i) Different aspects were highlighted by the Apostles

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- ii) Some Epistles contained strong words of warning
- iii) Other Epistles offered great words of encouragement
- iv) But all of them sought to encourage all to be ready for the 2nd Coming

MANY HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 2ND COMING

The Disciples of the Lord Jesus sought to understand this Doctrine. They posed three questions to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"
Matthew 24:3

1. The three areas of vital concerns

- a) The destruction of the Temple
- b) The 2nd Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ
- c) The End of the Age

2. These are subjects we ought to have more knowledge of

- a) Ignorance is not bliss
- b) Knowledge will help us prepare well for the 2nd Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us. May your heart be blessed wonderfully!



MINISTRY THIS COMING WEEK

2 May- 8 May 2022

1. Special Seniors Program

a) Tuesday, 3 May 2022

This is a Public Holiday. We will not be having the Seniors Program this Tuesday.

b) Thursday, 5 May 2022

9.30am-11.30am

2. Weekend Ministry

a) Saturday, 7 May 2022

i) Catechism Class

1.00pm

ii) Fellowship Group Meetings

(YPG 1-3; YAG 1-2)

2.00pm

iii) Youth Worship

3.00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- b) Sunday, 8 May 2022 | 8.30am
 - i) Intermediate Sunday School (ISS)
Room 3-08, Kindness
 - ii) Senior Sunday School I (SSS1)
Room 4-07, Faithfulness
- c) Sunday, 8 May 2022 | 10.00am
 - i) Morning Worship Service
 - ii) Chinese Worship Service
(Holy Communion is held on 2nd Sunday of each month)
 - iii) Crèche
Auditorium 2M-1, Joy



MOTHER'S DAY

(8 May 2022)

Happy Mother's Day to all who are mothers.
May the Lord continue to grant joy to your heart as mothers!



CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A GIRL!

Heartfelt congratulations to Justina and Nelson on the gift of a Baby girl
on 28 April 2022! Both Baby Ellery and mother are doing well.



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:155-156

*¹⁵⁵ Salvation is far from the wicked,
For they do not seek Your statutes.*

*¹⁵⁶ Great are Your tender mercies, O LORD;
Revive me according to Your judgments.*

1. The Wicked

- a) They have no interest in seeking the statutes of God
- b) Thus salvation is far from them

2. The Righteous

- a) They seek the tender mercies of God
- b) They plead for revival again and again

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 1 May 2022

Text: "What will be the sign of Your coming?" Matthew 24:3

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" Matthew 24:3

1. The Questions of the Disciples

These were valid questions

2. They wanted to be instructed on three matters:

a) The Destruction of the Temple

b) The 2nd Coming

c) The End of the Age

3. Our Challenge

a) To find knowledge too

b) To be better prepared for the Return of the Lord Jesus

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 May 2022

Text: "Take heed that no one deceives you" Matthew 24:4

⁴ *And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many."* Matthew 24:4-5

POETRY CORNER

1

TAKE HEED THAT NO ONE DECEIVES YOU

The Disciples sought to be instructed by the Lord;
They desired to know more deeply, the word of God.
The Scriptures, they knew, contained vital teachings;
Great Knowledge would lead to wonderful blessings!

The subject of the Return of the Lord Jesus was profound;
They knew that their knowledge was limited, it did not abound.
There were many questions that they raised to their Teacher;
They hoped that He would further expound the Scripture.

The Lord Jesus first sought to warn them of deception;
Knowledge of the future is not easy for comprehension.
There would also arise many false teachers and prophets;
They would proclaim false predictions for personal profit!

The Disciples must always be watchful and prayerful;
The Enemy of our Souls is wicked and also powerful.
He knows just how to deceive and confuse the believer.
The challenge is therefore to become ever wiser!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Matthew 24:1-26

POETRY CORNER

2

WE ARE UNPROFITABLE SERVANTS

It is humbling to even consider servanthood,
And how to be servants, true and good.
The Lord Jesus had taught a vital parable,
His servants must be faithful and humble.

A servant must expect his work to be tiring,
He is sent out to tend sheep and do plowing.
After a day's work when he returns indoors,
He must still serve and do household chores.

The servant understands his lowly place,
And does not think that he deserves praise.
He serves his master with true humility,
And sees that he is merely doing his duty.

The Lord Jesus is our King and Master,
To serve Him is our privilege and honor.
May we practise these important lessons,
And say that we are but "unprofitable servants"!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Luke 17:7-10

POETRY CORNER

3

HOW HARD IT IS TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

God's Kingdom is open to all to enter in,
Yet many find it hard because of sin.
Many love darkness more than the light,
Entrapped by ignorance, unbelief or pride.

Wealth and ambition are things highly sought after,
representing "success" in the eyes of the secular.
Such concepts are inapplicable to God's kingdom,
No one can be perfect enough to earn Salvation.

A man cannot have two masters — God and mammon,
One must let go of earthly things to gain treasures in Heaven,
The rich young ruler struggled with the sin of covetousness,
Even more pernicious—the problem of self-righteousness!

We must seek a recalibration of our perception of value,
Oh, the infinite worth of Kingdom treasures, we must ponder anew!
Faith is required to appreciate the reality and value of God's Kingdom,
And view our lives on this earth as a mere pilgrim's sojourn.

Stanley Woo

Inspiration: Luke 18; Hebrews 11

POETRY CORNER

4

Tetelestai!

Tetelestai...it is finished!
The work has been completed
Our debt has been fully paid
Believers are now justified in Christ before the Lord

A magnificent deed of Jesus to save us all
How He was rejected and suffered as the Son of Man
Sacrifice of His life, death took its toll
My heart melts at the thought of our Father's loving plan

Love is the ultimate rule of the day
Realise all that the Lord has done for us in Jesus
We cannot but want to serve Him in every way
May our faith allow us to serve Him in obedience

The Kingdom of God is within us
Kingdom truths must not only prevail in our heart
Seek kingdom power for behavioural transformation in our
lives
Let spiritual enlightenment set us apart

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: John 19:30; Luke 17

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon George Thomas

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 27 | O Worship the King
CP 310 | Count Your Blessings

MESSAGE

“What is the sign of Your Coming?” | Texts: Matthew 24; Jeremiah 7
Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

HOLY COMMUNION

*26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”*

*27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks,
and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.*

*28 For this is My blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*

Matthew 26:26-28

COMMUNION HYMN

HWC 466 | Jesus, Lover of My Soul

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 239 | Jesus is Coming Again

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

HYMNS

CP 27 O WORSHIP THE KING

ROBERT GRANT

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.



HYMNS

CP 310 COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

JOHNSON OATMAN JR.

1. When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

2. Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.

Refrain

3. So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 466 JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

CHARLES WESLEY

1. Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!

2. Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.



HYMNS

HWC 239 JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

JOHN W. PETERSON

1. Marvelous message we bring, glorious carol we sing,
Wonderful word of the King – Jesus is coming again!

Refrain

Coming again, coming again;
Maybe morning, maybe noon,
Maybe evening and maybe soon!
Coming again, coming again;
O what a wonderful day it will be – Jesus is coming again!

2. Forest and flower exclaim, mountain and meadow the same,
All earth and heaven proclaim – Jesus is coming again!

Refrain

3. Standing before Him at last, trial and trouble all past,
Crowns at His feet we will cast – Jesus is coming again!

Refrain



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