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...and read your Bible daily

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

From Living Word Church — By Terry Laughlin
Will The Real Jesus Please Stand Up?

In Matthew 24:24, Jesus provides a stern warning that, "False Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect if that were possible."

In the old "To Tell the Truth" game show, you had to question three contestants to determine the true identity of the person who would then stand up to be recognized. Unfortunately, if you're looking for the true Jesus these days, you have more than three "contestants". The cults and false religions of the day have produced some such as these:

Jesus #1: Jesus was Michael the archangel, the first being created by Jehovah God, "a god" but not Almighty God, was invisibly raised from the dead as a "spirit being" and has already invisibly returned to earth.

Jesus #2: Jesus was the "spirit brother" of Lucifer, a man who evolved to godhood and was married to more than one woman while on this earth.

Jesus #3: This is a Jesus who never came in the flesh, but is simply a divine idea or principle inherent in every person.

Jesus #4: Jesus is one of many great prophets but has since been superseded by a greater prophet. He did live a sinless life but was not crucified nor did he die to pay the penalty for anyone's sins.

All of the above are the creations of men although they bear the same name as the true Jesus revealed in the Holy Scriptures. However, as eternally dan-

gerous as all of the above "Jesuses" are, there may be some that are even more dangerous.

There are many people, some even sitting in church week after week, who have created a Jesus in their own minds with whom they are comfortable. He may be a Jesus that is all "love" but no judgment. He may be a Jesus that tolerates all lifestyles and life choices even though they conflict with His Word. But, he is not the true Jesus revealed in the entirety of God's Word.

In 2 Corinthians 11:4, the apostle Paul warned the believers at Corinth, "For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough."

There are other Jesuses, other spirits and other gospels. Are you "putting up" with a false Jesus, one that cannot save?

At one point while Jesus was walking this earth, He turned to His disciple Peter, and asked, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, answered boldly, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

There is only One Jesus who is God in the flesh, only One who died on the cross for your sins, only One who rose physically from the dead and is alive forevermore, only One who sets you free from the bondage of sin, only One who grants eternal life to those who believe. Do you know Him?



It's spring...the circus is in town! Come one! Come all! Excitement and surprise wait under the big top. Animals, jugglers, clowns...there is no end to the variety of entertainment. It's showtime!!

Cast your eyes on the center ring! Flying, swinging, and dipping through the air, the trapeze artists exhibit a delicate combination of balance, synchronization, strength, skill and trust, moving as if one. The beautiful, hypnotic rhythm that appears so effortless requires, each day, hours of preparation of mind, body, and spirit.

There are those people who appear to glide through life in much the same way, with balance, strength and trust. Yet, they, too, prepare each day with prayer and the knowledge of God's will for their lives. Each week they are further strengthened by worship and fellowship in God's house. You can join them.

Move through life as one with God. Come one! Come all!

COME ONE! COME ALL!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Luke 19:28-48	Luke 20:1-19	Luke 21:1-19	Luke 22:1-30	Luke 22:39-71	Luke 23:1-49	Luke 23:50-56

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WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE
Allen and Connie Wilson and Dick and Joan McLaughlin enjoyed homemade ice cream at the Sonny Wilson home Sunday evening. Those coming to visit Dick during this past week have been Jim and Jan Frey of Beaver City, and Jim and Becky Holtze.

Several from Wilsonville went to McCook this past week to the Evangelical Free Church to attend the Easter musical. It was an excellent presentation.

The Wednesday night study on "The Purpose Driven Life" at the Baptist-Christian Church continues to hold the interest of the group with 17 in attendance this past Wednesday evening.

Special music at the Baptist-Christian Church worship service on Palm Sunday was a women's chorus composed of seven women. Also adding to the spirit of the morning was the beautiful worship center highlighted with Easter lilies and candles on a purple cloth as well as the special candle arrangement on the organ and other blooming plants.

The Easter Sunrise service will be held at the site of the former Christian Church at 7:30 a.m. with brunch following at the Baptist Christian Church. The public is invited to attend this service, as well as the worship services at 11 o'clock with Keith Theobald bringing the Easter message.

Enjoying the monthly dinner at the Senior Center at Cambridge on Sunday were at least six families from the Baptist-Christian congregation.

This past Wednesday Laurie Laws traveled to Elwood to spend the night with her daughter Shelly, son-in-law, Rick and grandson, Austin Anderson. On Thursday Mrs. Laws accompanied Shelly to Lexington for out-patient surgery. Everything went well and Shelly was home by late afternoon and is recuperating. Laurie returned home Thursday evening.

B.C.W.

Nine members gathered around an Easter decorated table on April 1 to usher in the season of Easter. Hostess for the 9 a.m. brunch was June Palmer. President, Avis Wolfe opened the meeting with prayer and the thought for the day. Several announcements were given. Members were invited to the Hendley Methodist Church on April 14 at 2 p.m. A donation was made to Camp Merrill. The C.W. F. previews will be held in Kearney, April 17. Brian Young, a nationally known speaker will be speaking at the Southern Association at Holbrook on April 18. The dinner honoring the seniors will be held Sunday, May 2. A thank-you was read from Arlene Rice Ministries. Reports were given by the budget and the nominating committees.

Following the business meeting, program leader, Becky Holtze gave a very interesting program using two Easter stories, one from "The Animals Easter" sharing the story of the crucifixion as seen from the eyes of one of the Roman soldier's horses. Members were given an Easter egg from Becky's Easter Basket. Each egg held a cross that she had made and also a special Bible verse. Presenting the worship was Velma Holtze who had prepared a beautiful worship setting using purple and white cloths and a statue of Christ carrying the cross. Members brought supplies for the church kitchen for this month's project.

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Beaver Valley Pickers

Saturday evening the Beaver Valley Pickers, (Danny and Mary Alice Cook, Connie Holliday, Delbert Laws and Mary Wilson) performed at the Norton, Kansas Senior Center. The performance along with a fantastic soup supper was for a fund raising event to help finish paying for the senior's bus. There were many, many different soups to choose from and sandwiches; followed by any kind of dessert you could possibly want. The Beaver Valley Pickers enjoyed the soup supper then "Sang For Their Supper" from 6 to 8 pm. Following the performance the band along with Laurie Laws and Dale Wilson adjourned to the Dairy Queen for more goodies.

Osborn's assistant visits Wilsonville

Not too many took advantage of visiting with John Hansen, Senator Osborn's field man, from Bertrand when he stopped for a short visit at the Library on Thursday afternoon. Those who took advantage of this brief visit felt well rewarded. He asked for questions and concerns, which there were a few, these mainly concerned, where Osborn stood on certain issues. Hansen very clearly explained some of these issues and also explained some issues that Osborn is working very hard on that were unfamiliar to the group. Some of the issues included same sex marriage, farm programs and conservation, economic development, drug problems and programs to encourage young people to return to the rural areas. Of special interest to this farming area was the agriculture program change allowing farmers to be more diversified in choosing the crops they might want to raise. He cited examples of different crops rather than corn, wheat and milo which are proving to be much more profitable. Also very interesting were the programs to encourage the youth to return by decreasing their student loans if they return to small towns. With computer technology, an engineer can live in rural Nebraska and be employed by a Seattle, Wash., company. This has proven to be true as three young engineers are doing just this in northeastern Nebraska. Hansen also expressed Osborn's interest in a few state issues, such as the gambling issue. He said this is not Osborn's business as a U.S. senator but as a Nebraska citizen he would prefer the Nebraska senators who are elected and study issues to decide this. Personally, he is very opposed to legalizing gambling. As a bit of personal interest Hansen shared that he had been to Wilsonville many times to visit his wife's relatives, the late Dutch and Ethel Presler. He also expressed a desire to return and visit with Wilsonville residents at any time—Just invite him. He enjoys visiting with small town and rural residents as their views are entirely different than those in larger cities. So if he comes again it is hoped there would be a better attendance for it is not often that citizens of small towns get this opportunity. Anyone who might be interested in contacting Osborn or Hansen can get the address at the library. He also left a pamphlet or two for citizens to read.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

John and Carol New of Littleton, Colo., and Gerald and Judy Jackson of Norcat were recent visitors in the home of Grace Reeves. John is Grace's nephew and the Jacksons are graduates of Rural Norcat High School. They all lived in the Denver area until the Jacksons retired and moved back to Norcat.

Ellis and June Fisher visited Esther Marble Saturday afternoon.

Bill Eckhart of Norton took his mother, Grace Reeves, to the home of Christy and Aaron Taylor and family in Grainfield to be a part of their son Brett's birthday. They enjoyed the day as Brett opened his cards and gifts. His grandmother, Rose Eckhart of Hill City

was also there.

Barbara Bates and Irene Coe of Beaver City, Neb., came Sunday morning and picked up Esther Marble and they went to the Town and Country Cafe in Norton for dinner. It was to celebrate Barbara's and Esther's birthdays. Then they came back to Esther's and visited awhile.

Alice Kuiper had a surprise this week with a telephone call from her granddaughter, Kaili Kuiper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kuiper who is in the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan. The time there is opposite of ours. She called at 9 p.m. and the time here was 9 a.m. She is enjoying teaching English to her students. She said the weather was getting warmer and flowers blooming.

