

Announcements

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Reading: Luke 5:33-39

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Communion (9:30 only)

Prayers (with piano in background)

Galilee News

Benediction

Song: Jesus, Messiah

Children's Message:

Good Morning! (Ask for a volunteer—older child). We brought a snack for you today. How would you like to have a piece of this bread? (Tear off piece of stale, moldy bread). This bread has been sitting out for a while... We THINK it might be bad, but we need some more opinions.

How does it taste? This stale bread is not so good is it? Luckily, we have some new bread that we got this morning (hand out new bread). Which tastes better?

If you were going to make a sandwich, would you make a sandwich with half the new bread and half the old bread? (No!) No, you would want to use all new bread.

In our Bible reading today, Jesus tells us that you shouldn't put new wine into an old wineskin because it will break it. That might be confusing to us, but what Jesus meant is that he had a new message of hope for us; that his love is too big and wide and deep to fit into the rules of the "old" religions.

There is another Bible verse that helps me understand it better. It is from 2 Corinthians and it says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone and the new has come!" For us it means that when Jesus died on the cross and rose again, he has given us a new life and the old is gone! What a great message. Will you please pray with me?

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for giving us.... New life in you... help us to remember... that we are... new creations in you... in your name we pray, amen.

Confession/Absolution:

Small rocks will be placed at the end of each pew. At the start of confession we will ask people to each take a rock.

Say: These rocks represent the sins and the burdens that we carry that separate us from God. Please take a moment of silent prayer to think of any part of your life that you are having trouble carrying yourself. During the music, we ask you to come and place these burdens in the bucket.

(Music plays until all rocks are dropped in the bucket. Jesus enters)

Say: On our own, we cannot carry these burdens. However, Jesus tells us, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." In this, we know that our sins and burdens are carried and forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Jesus carries burdens out) Please pray with me:

Dear Lord,
Ever Present in my Life
You sent your son
To end my strife
You came to make me precious dear
Now for eternity, you are near
You forgive our sins and shame
All in your Son's holy name
Our new life in you shall now begin
Forever and Always
Thank You
Amen

Prayers:

Dear Jesus, as you poured out your love on us, help us to pour out your love on others. Remind us that you have given us new hope and salvation through your work on the cross. Help us to live in your resurrected life as the new wine of your covenant. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Please be with the sick and the suffering and give them strength through your love. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Be with the joyful as they are celebrating because of your many blessings. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Be with the mourning and give them comfort and peace. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

In your name we pray the prayer you taught us,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Jerusalem News Channel 7:

News Music Plays

Carrie: Good Morning Jerusalem, I'm Carrie Magdalene. We interrupt your regularly scheduled program with this special report. Nazareth has long been a quiet, quaint, religious community supported by their fishing economy, but it has been recently rocked. A man named Jesus has been reported to be making quite a splash by reportedly changing water into wine at a wedding in Cana and collecting a ragged group of fishermen as his followers. Our very own Jerusalem news channel 7 correspondent, Bob Disciple, is at the scene with more details. Bob?

Bob: Yeah, Thanks Carrie. There are a LOT of strange things going on in Galilee and people are asking questions. Exactly who IS this Jesus? Who are his followers?

We have reports that Jesus, son of Joseph, a carpenter in Galilee, has just recently started what could only be called a mission. Witnesses who reportedly attended his baptism at the Jordan River say that after the baptism, a dove appeared and a voice from above said, quote, "this is my son, whom I love, with him I am well pleased." Others say that he spent 40 days fasting in the dessert on a spiritual retreat. Others have reports of miraculous healings. I had the opportunity to hear him preach in the mountains and I have to say that his message is nothing like I've ever heard before Carrie. Listen to this from what his followers are calling, "the sermon on the mount," "blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven, blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Carrie, I'm not sure what exactly is happening, but change is happening. Something new is here. We'll try to have more details as the story develops.

Carrie: Thanks Bob. We'll now return to your regularly scheduled program. Stay tuned to Jerusalem News Channel 7 for more information. Good day.

Jerusalem News Channel 7:

Carrie: Once again, we interrupt your regularly scheduled program with this special report. Earlier today, New Channel 7 broke the story of a man from Galilee named Jesus who has been getting quite a bit of local attention for what seem to be miraculous events and amazing teachings. Bob Disciple, our news channel 7 correspondent, is at the home of Matthew, a former tax collector, now a disciple of this Jesus, where they are reportedly having dinner. Bob, can you tell me what's going on at the scene?

Bob: Well, Carrie, I can only tell you what I've observed. There is an energy, an excitement here. Since our last report, Jesus has reportedly calmed a raging storm on the Sea of Galilee, healed a paralytic and recruited Matthew, a tax collector, to become one of his followers.

Carrie: That's unusual isn't it? Tax collectors are usually seen as outcasts of society, even sometimes as traitors to the Jewish Community.

Bob: You're right Carrie. This Jesus made a statement about it when pressed by religious authorities. He said, "it's not the healthy that need a doctor but the sick." The religious leaders seem to be puzzled by Jesus more than anything. While at dinner with Matthew, another in attendance said Jesus was questioned about fasting and Jesus reportedly said, "You don't mourn at a wedding. You celebrate." He also said that you don't pour new wine into old wineskins or it will burst through. Very interesting indeed. Whatever way you look at it, if Jesus is a prophet, a priest or a new king, he is a not like any we have ever seen before and makes me ask the question, what we he do next? Walk on water? The people are watching and waiting. Back to You, Carrie.

Carrie: Once again, Bob Disciple our News Channel 7 correspondent. Thanks Bob. Once again we return to our regularly scheduled program.