

## ***The Anniversary of Jesus' Death***

The "Jehovah's Witnesses" publicize their annual memorial of Jesus' death, but their zeal for God is not according to the knowledge of God (Romans 10:2).

1. The website of the "Jehovah's Witnesses" says "Jesus was created by God" ([watchtower.org](http://watchtower.org)). Paul said *all things were created* by Jesus (Colossians 1:16). Who do you believe?

2. The "Jehovah's Witnesses" deny that Jesus is Jehovah. God said to Jesus, *You, LORD, in the beginning...* (Hebrews 1:10). LORD means Jehovah, so God called Jesus Jehovah!

3. The "Jehovah's Witnesses" remember Jesus' death annually. Luke tells us that Paul spoke to the disciples *on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread* (Acts 20:7). Notice *when* they met to break bread. Their purpose on this occasion was to remember Jesus' death (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Do you do this?

-- All this week, we invite you to hear the gospel at **7PM** on topics such as *The Woman of John 4, Answering Questions* (John 3), *Discipleship, & What Matters To God?*. We will have classes Tuesday & Thursday at **11AM**. Contact us or visit our website for more information.

*We assemble each Sunday at 10AM, 10:45AM, 5PM & Wednesday at 7PM*

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# The Exhorter

Acts 11:23 *Exhorted them all... cleave unto the Lord*

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## ***OUR GOSPEL MEETING: MARCH 10-15***

***LARRY OSBORNE (KANSAS CITY, MO) WILL PREACH THE WORD!***

Sunday class: Who's In Control? (Dan. 2)

Sunday AM: Walking With The Lord (Jn.5:1-21)

Sunday PM: Faith vs. The Word On The Street (Rom. 10:17)

Monday PM: What Really Works? (2 Tim 4:16-18)

Tuesday PM: The Woman At The Well (Jn.4:4-26)

Wednesday PM: Answers To Unasked Questions (Jn.3:1-21)

Thursday PM: Defining Discipleship (Lk.14:25-35)

Friday PM: What Matters To God? (Lk.15)

## Morning Classes (at 11:00 AM)

Tuesday class: Why Are We Here? (Gen.1:1)

Thursday class: Our Mission: The Hope of Glory (Col.1:24-29)

*But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

1 Peter 4:7-11

## ***THINGS I SAW THIS PAST WEEK***

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1) I saw a father and his young daughter arrive at the building to clean the baptistery. Yes, it's a job that needs to be done from time to time, but its use is divine. For there is "one baptism" (Eph. 4:5), and that "one baptism" is immersion in water (Acts 10:47-48; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12). Preparations were made for any sinners who might decide to obey the Lord during our gospel meeting by being "baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

2) I saw young people and older people out seeking the lost. I saw young mothers with their young children walking the streets together in order to invite our neighbors to come hear the saving gospel (Romans 1:16). I saw the excitement and enthusiasm of young boys (Matt. 19:14) racing up to each door to ring the doorbell and hand the one who answered a meeting flyer. They reminded me of the fearlessness and zeal that I need to possess in my efforts to reach the lost (2 Tim. 1:7-8).

3) I saw eighty year old men working hard outside clearing out weeds, overgrown bushes, and cutting away branches. And I was reminded of the words of Caleb long ago - "and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in" (Joshua 14:10-11). "They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing" (Psalm 92:14).

4) I saw teenagers, deacons, and elders working and sweating side by side to help make the outside of the building look much more presentable for our meeting week. I was reminded of what young Timothy was taught. "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Timothy 4:12). I was reminded of what Paul said concerning deacons: "For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus" (I Timothy 3:13). And I was reminded of what Peter wrote to elders when he said, "nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock" (I Peter 5:3).

5) I saw some of our women working hard inside the building. Bathrooms were cleaned, floors vacuumed, fans up high dusted, burn out light bulbs replaced, and miscellaneous things straightened and organized. These women reminded of Phoebe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea. Paul said of her that "she has been a helper of many and of myself also" (Romans 16:2).

6) I saw the hospitality and generosity of godly widows. One who has not been a widow long, bravely signed up to have the preacher in her home for a meal. Another

widow unable to entertain the visiting preacher and company in her home provided money for brother Price to be treated to a nice meal at a restaurant. These acts of kindness reminded me of the apostle Paul's instructions to the saints in Rome: "distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality" (Romans 12:13).

7) I saw members present at every service of the gospel meeting. I saw our elderly members with all their aches and pains in their usual seats there to worship God and edify the saints (John 4:24; Heb. 10:24-25). I saw our tired members who worked all day, but who like David were "glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD'" (Psalm 122:1). I saw young parents bringing their young children so that from childhood they may know the Holy Scriptures which are able to make them wise for salvation (2 Timothy 3:15).

These are some of the things I saw this past week. And as a result our God was glorified, and my faith was greatly strengthened!

Editor's Note: These are the observations of one person on the preparation for and participation in this congregation's gospel meeting. None of these things happened by accident but by a living faith in people who could have chosen to spend their free time in other more entertaining, relaxing, or personally rewarding ways. Instead, they first gave themselves to the Lord and then to each other in the work of the gospel *by the will of God* (2 Cor. 8:5). Let us learn from their example and be fellow workers for the Lord every week with every opportunity we have. What opportunities do you have this week? Can we be an example to others, as these saints?

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### **Did the First Churches *Only* Assemble on the First Day of the Week?**

*So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, . . .* (Acts 2:46)

*Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, ...* (Acts 14:27)

*So when they were sent off, they came to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter.* (Acts 15:30)

*"What then? The assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come.* (Acts 21:22)

*And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.* (Hebrews 10:24-25). To which assembly does this not apply? God deserves your presence, and we all benefit from it. Will you consider us this week?