

Jesus' Hostile Witnesses

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Some people praised him; he deserved it. Some people were puzzled by him; they had never seen anything like him. Some people pushed back against him, but even in their pushback they often uttered wonderful truth about Jesus.

They spoke the truth about him in calculated, patronizing flattery. “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances” (Matt. 22:16).

Demons—whoever/whatever they are—always seemed to identify Jesus accurately. “I know who you are—the Holy One of God” (Mark 1:24). “And demons also came out of many, crying ‘You are the Son of God!’” (Luke 4:41). “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?” (Luke 8:28).

His opponents knew that Jesus was casting out demons, but they crafted the most sinister of explanations: “He casts out demons by the prince of demons” (Matt. 9:34). That was nonsense (Matt. 12:22-32). But their smear campaign caught on with some people (John 10:19-21).

When they meant to accuse Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees gave us a vocabulary that warms us to him. “He eats with tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 9:11). “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner” (Luke 19:7). “This man receives sinners and eats with them” (Luke 15:2). “A friend of tax collectors and sinners!” (Matt. 11:19).

They would not believe and obey Jesus, but they could not deny: “This man performs many signs” (John 11:47).

“It is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish” (John 11:50). Little did Caiaphas know how God was using his incendiary words. “He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad” (John 11:51-52).

At his trials and crucifixion, Jesus’ enemies and persecutors mocked him with words that in themselves were totally true. “Behold your king” (John 19:14). “Hail, King of the Jews” (Matt. 27:29). “He is the King of Israel” (Matt. 27:42). “Let the Christ, the King of Israel come down now from the cross that we may see and believe” (Mark 15:32). “He saved others” (Luke 23:35). “He trusts in God” (Matt. 27:43).

As the plot to kill Jesus unfolded, Judas lamented “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood” (Matt. 27:4). Pilate’s wife dreamed about him and told her husband, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man” (Matt. 27:19). Pilate would not stop the rush to execution, but he admitted, “I find no guilt in this man” (Luke 23:4; cf. v.14-15). When it was all over, the centurion in charge at Golgotha could only admit, “Truly, this was the Son of God” (Mark 15:39).

People who didn’t believe, receive, or love Jesus said plenty to justify believing, receiving and loving him. If only the Pharisees were right when their frustration boiled over: “Look! The whole world is following him!” (John 12:19).

Danny Boggs

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Jaren Dodson, Vern Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Coral Haggard, Ervin and Wilma Hill, Karen Honeycutt, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Brylee King, Sherry Merrill, Cheryl Neilans, Lyn Pendergraft, Mebyl Privett, Andy Rasbury, Edith Toney.

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a relative of one of our members who has been diagnosed with cancer. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



 **Devo and Donuts** meets every Tuesday at 7:00 in the activities center. It is an excellent way to start your day. Come and bring a friend.

Men's Breakfast will be Thursday at 7:00 at Braum's. Start your day with food and fellowship.

COOKIES: We will be hosting the TriState Youth Series on Sunday. Everyone is asked to bring cookies Sunday morning and leave them in the activities center or fellowship room.



This Sunday's Sermons:

AM: Danny Boggs

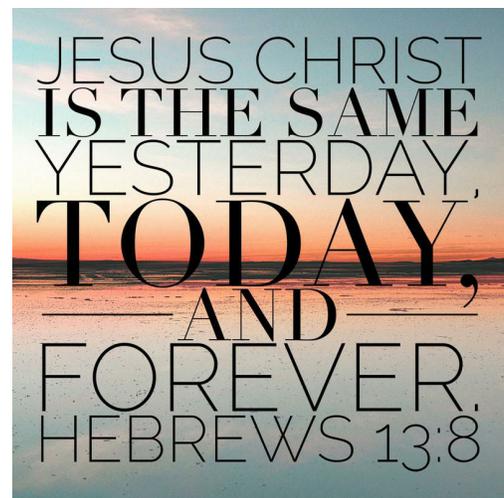
PM: Caleb Boggs

If you are not able to be at church, visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our services **online**. Services will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. .

Neosho Christian School's **Autumnfest** is Saturday from 9:00 to 5:00 at the Newton County Fairgrounds. The day will include a silent auction, a car show, kids' games, arts and craft booths, and food trucks. Please plan to help support this fund raising effort for the school.

Ladies Study Day will be November 14 from 9:00-12:00 in the activities center. It is a come and go designated time of Bible study. If you are studying *Digging Deeper* or *The Shepherd's Daughter*, you can participate in some group discussions or just spend some time in personal study. This will be a great time to be surrounded by your sisters in Christ as you strive to develop a better relationship with God. You may bring snacks to share.

Neosho Christian School is searching for a new administrator. A graduate degree is required and they would be responsible for all business and educational matters. They would work with a staff of nine and about one hundred students in PreK through grade 12. Anyone interested should contact the school.



PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, November 8

AM Opening Prayer: Mike Kidwell
Communion Prayers: Todd Murray
AM Closing Prayer: Bob Murray

PM Opening Prayer: Alec Fehring
PM Closing Prayer: Charles Phillips

Wednesday, November 11

Opening Prayer: Benny Haught
Closing Prayer: John Deffenbaugh

RECORDS	11-1-20	11-3-19
Bible Study	118	167
AM Worship	176	205
PM Worship	96	125
Wednesday	101	122
Contribution	\$9,382.332	\$8,672.99
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37