

The Gospel of the King

The Blind Finally See!

Mark 8:22-30 (ESV)

Background – The Blind Man of Bethsaida

One of only ____ miracles that appear only in Mark’s Gospel ...

The _____ miracle of Jesus’ Galilee ministry ...

This is a _____ lesson for the disciples ...

Only _____ miracle in the Gospels --- why?

An illustration of _____:

Jesus had been revealing himself to the disciples, but they are still _____ (They saw a blurry, unclear picture of Jesus as Messiah)

Like the blind man, our spiritual sight comes in _____ ...

And _____ does our spiritual sight come?

2 Very Different Questions:

1) Who do _____ say that I am?

Variant views on Jesus – past and present ...

2) Who do _____ say that I am?

Who is Jesus?

Who is Jesus to me?

Does my confession match my lifestyle?

One Correct Confession: _____!

How did Peter ascertain this?

See: Matthew 16:16-17

What are some implications of this confession?

Our response(s):

1) Thank God that I _____!

2) Ask God to show me _____ of Himself.

3) Ask God to _____ to _____

Next week: *A Different Kind of King*

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
July 26, 2020*

VBS 2020 Updates

- At-Home VBS kits will be available in the Fellowship Center Foyer after worship.
- The VBS Celebration that was scheduled for August 2, 3-4pm, has been canceled.
- Family Night at Water World has been canceled.

Promotion Sunday for Preschool, Children and Students | Sunday, August 9

Upcoming 6th Grade students and their families are invited to a catered lunch following worship on August 9. Please RSVP to Brooke so we can know how many will be attending in your family. After lunch, join us at Adventureland.

Second Sunday Night Prayer Service and Lord’s Supper

August 9 | 6pm | Fellowship Center

“When you come together” (1st Corinthians 11:17, 20, et al) is one of the defining parameters of the Lord’s Supper. Paul speaks of togetherness 5 different times in that chapter. Unfortunately “togetherness” has been one of the great casualties for the church during this COVID-19 affected season. While some churches have chosen to offer “virtual” or “online” communion to any person who may be viewing their worship services online, your pastors and elders do not believe that is a biblically fitting way to faithfully carry out this ordinance. As Josh Buice writes, “*There is an element of uniqueness and sacredness that needs to be upheld in the Lord’s Supper. It’s a time where we remember the body (Jesus’ incarnation), the blood (Jesus’ substitutionary sacrifice), and long for Jesus’ return. It’s also a time when we are called to remember sin and confess our sin properly before engaging in the Lord’s Supper (see 1 Corinthians 11).*”

In addition, the mutual sharing and receiving of the Lord’s Supper is a special occasion when the local body of Christ mutually affirms one another’s salvation, and each other’s right fellowship with the entire church. (See 1 Corinthians 5).

Buice goes on to say, “*Jesus modeled the togetherness of the meal in his earthly ministry with his disciples and gave specific instructions to continue eating and drinking in remembrance of him (Luke 22:19). Logic alone should tell us that it’s impossible to use technology to enjoy an intimate meal with a friend or spouse while separated—much less the entire gathered church family. The special and unique assembly of the Lord’s Supper cannot be reduced to pixels on a screen. Technology can only bring people so close, but it cannot ultimately bring people together. However, logic is not the basis for our position on the Lord’s Supper—theology is our foundation. The Lord’s Supper, like baptism, is not a private event. It’s public and is one of the two ordinances given to God’s Church. In 1 Corinthians 10:17, Paul writes these words, “Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.” The church publicly gathered in the presence of one another are called to be served together from the same bread—indicating their unity in Christ.*”

So, during this weird season of separation, we face a dilemma. On the one hand, we clearly believe that the church must exercise biblically prescribed caution when partaking in the Lord’s Table or else it becomes something other than what Jesus gave and commanded the church. Part of that caution requires us to be “together”. On the other hand, we know that we have no scripture and verse to define how we operate in a time where many *wish* to be together and *would be* together, but because of age, illness, or other risk factors, simply cannot. We also know that some of our members are acutely feeling the emotional and spiritual feeling of separation during this time. In light of all of that, we have planned a special service of prayer and communion on Sunday, August 9th for our members. We will not be sharing this service on open social media platforms, nor recording the service to be viewed and participated in afterwards. This will be a live event for our members only. If you are unable to join us *in person*, but are a member of the Calvary Family and wish to participate with us live at home *virtually*, we will send you an invitation and link to a closed YouTube channel where we may share this time together. We recognize that just as it is impossible to share a “virtual” meal together with someone, we can’t fully experience Lord’s Supper and not be together, we want to nonetheless affirm our unity in Christ and our part in the local body of believers known as Calvary, even when we cannot all be physically present. For those unable to attend, we will provide communion cups and wafers. You may pick them up at the church office or we will bring them to your home. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Today in worship we will be reciting the Apostle’s Creed together. Just as Peter made the great and pivotal declaration of faith that Jesus is the Christ, so we will share in a great and historic declaration of biblical faith.

Al Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary writes,

“... this ancient confession of faith *is* Christianity. This is what Christians believe—what all Christians believe. The Apostles’ Creed collapses time and space, uniting all true believers in the one, holy, and apostolic faith. This creed is a summary of what the Bible teaches, a narrative of God’s redemptive love, and a concise statement of basic Christianity.

All Christians believe more than is contained in the Apostles’ Creed, but none can believe less.

Ancient Christians honored this creed. Martyrs recited this creed. The Protestant Reformers continued the use of the Apostles’ Creed in worship and the teaching of believers.

There is such power in knowing that when we confess the Apostles’ Creed, alone or in corporate worship, we are declaring the truth of the Christian faith with the very words that gave early Christians hope, sent martyrs confidently to their deaths, and have instructed Christ’s church throughout the centuries.”

Today in worship, we will affirm our faith in Jesus as we sing, pray, speak, and hear. I pray that you will be ministered to, encouraged, uplifted, and renewed.

If you are not yet a follower/disciple of Jesus, I challenge you to consider this timeless question that Jesus posed to his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?”

And as we all answer this most important of all questions, I pray that we will consider the many implications of our answers! If Jesus is our Messiah, then what does that mean in terms of our surrender to Him, fidelity to Him, and love for Him?

I’m praying that we all have a fresh encounter with Christ today!

- Pastor Paul

Membership Matters

Membership Matters is divided into two consecutive (mandatory) sessions. This means attendees of the second session will only be those that attended the first session. The next Membership Matters classes are scheduled for Sunday mornings, August 16 and 23, at 8:30 am during Life Group live in the Office Building Conference Room or via Zoom. Call Angie in the church office to register and let her know which format you will participate.

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

Connect Card

July 26, 2020

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

- Please update my information
 Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest Guest
 Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Male Female

Married Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

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Midweek Resumes August 5

New Midweek Series

What COVID-19, BLM, and 'WOKE' America is Revealing About the Church

Midweek Schedule

5:30pm Supper, Fellowship Center
6:00pm Midweek Worship, Chapel
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building
Children, Grades 1-5, ROC
Students, Grades 6-12, Sanctuary
No Adult Choir

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary
8:30 am Life Group
10:00 am Worship in Fellowship Center
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube
11:00 am Worship Broadcast on The JoyFM
94.3/96.1 with a 1 week delay.

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FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

THE PEOPLE CAME...

July 19

Life Group (via Zoom): 247
10:00 Worship: 227
Hispanic Church: 115

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given July 19: \$71,501
Given Y-T-D: \$1,398,053
Y-T-D Required: \$1,492,384.66
Adoption Assistance Fund: \$5,275

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, July 26:

Deut 20, Ps 107, Is 47, Rev 17

Monday, July 27:

Deut 21, Ps 108-109, Is 48, Rev 18

Tuesday, July 28:

Deut 22, Ps 110-111, Is 49, Rev 19

Wednesday, July 29:

Deut 23, Ps 112-113, Is 50, Rev 20

Thursday, July 30:

Deut 24, Ps 114-115, Is 51, Rev 21

Friday, July 31:

Deut 25, Ps 116, Is 52, Rev 22

Saturday, August 1:

Deut 26, Ps 117-118, Is 53, Matt 1

4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline.
- On Sundays, drop in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

UPDATED GUEST INFORMATION

In this interim period as we are trying to respond as responsibly as we can to the threat of Covid-19 around us, we are intentionally limiting up-close, face-to-face encounters where possible. Therefore, our "Next Steps" kiosk is temporarily closed and we are not passing offering plates for the time being. But if you are a guest, we still want to hear from you and meet you! So please complete the attached Connect Card and place in the offering collection boxes at the exits. Also, if you have prayer needs or personal needs, please share those with us as well. You may also email us at info@CalvaryDothan.com or call or text anytime to (334) 708-0513. We'd love to hear from you, pray with you or for you, or talk with you about any spiritual questions you have or decisions you have made.

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, July 26:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, August 1:

Matthew Dorsey | 919-495-9483

Sunday, August 2:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 2

10:00 am

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A New Kind of King

Mark 8:34-9:1

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, August 9

10:00 am

The Gospel of the King

The Glory of God in the Person of Christ

Mark 9:2-13

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, August 16

10:00 am

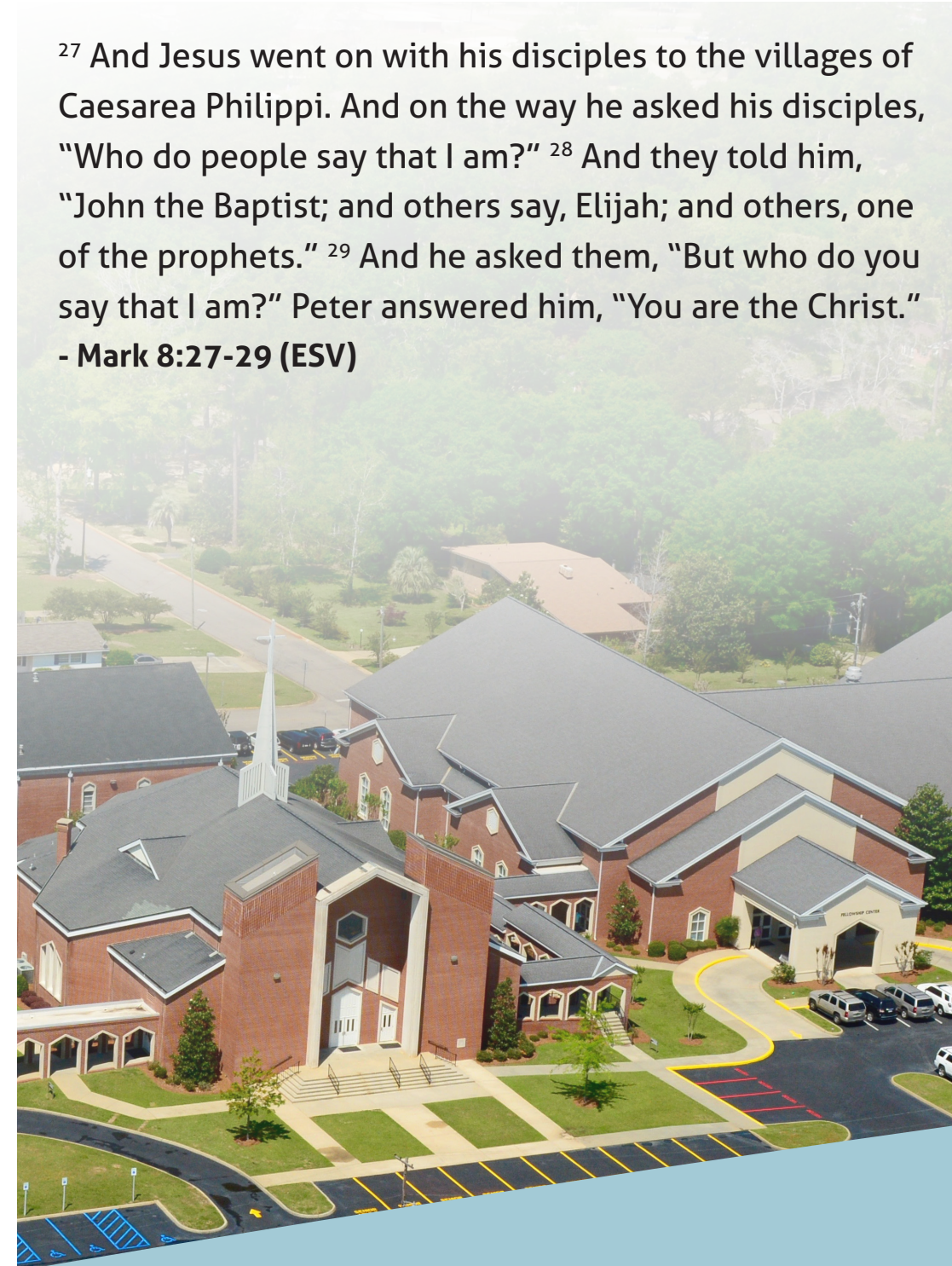
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The Gift of Faith

Mark 9:14-29

Message by Paul Thompson

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." - Mark 8:27-29 (ESV)



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