



THE MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting October

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesday at 1 on Zoom
Friday at 1 on Zoom
Saturday, 10, Panera
(Georgetown)

Times of Service **Sunday**

Bible study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM
(Immediately followed by a
short worship service)

First Friday of Month **Singing**

October 7, 7:30

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UNTRUSTWORTHY BELIEVERS

I've been studying the life of Christ in my personal studies. This past Wednesday I came to John 2:23-25. It says, *"Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man."*

Jesus apparently performed a number of signs in Jerusalem during this Passover Feast that John chose not to describe. This should not trouble us as John later states Jesus did far more than John mentioned in his gospel. (20:30-31; 21:25) As people witnessed the signs Jesus performed, "many believed in his name." (23) Nothing more is said of their belief besides this.

The next two verses, however, offers us insight that shows us the quality of their belief was far from ideal. Jesus knew the hearts of all people, a point proven in His interactions with Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman in chapters 3 and 4. That Jesus did not believe in these believers challenges us to consider what manner of belief they had. We can do this as we consider his interactions with other believers.

Nicodemus expressed a certain level of belief in Jesus (3:2). Rather than commending him for that, Jesus challenged and even mildly rebuked him. (3-12) His "belief" wasn't anywhere near "discipleship."

Members Needing Our Prayers

The family of Richelle Banks,
Gary Brown, Joyce Bolton,
Julie Patton, Rick Small,
Benny Poynter, Richard and
Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd,
Cindy Bradbury, Paul
Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

Charles Bishop, Brian Mason,
Ernestine Byers, Glen Perkins,
Allison Walker, Dwight Antle,
Randy Cates, Larry McTeer,
Charlene Michael, Ann Little,
Mary Jean Snyder, Mark
Nickles, Adam Fusco Duane
Harrod, Grace Meyer,
Meredith Nicholson, Alice and
Lonnie Anderson, Glen
Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry
Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt,
Robert Brundige, William
Roberts, Paul and Marrian
Lyda, Dana and her children,
Shane (a relative of Cindi),
Ron Harmon

To Our Guests

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Early in John 6 Jesus miraculously fed a large group of people. As the chapter progresses, we see Jesus weeding out hangers-on and the merely curious by framing the truth in uncomfortable phrases. As the chapter continues, we see his language greatly offending the marginal disciples who surrounded him at this time. John leaves the impression that *all* such “disciples” left him then.

Many authorities also believed on Jesus. (12:42-43) However, their fear of the Pharisees and longing for people to praise them prevented them from publicly confessing Jesus. How could Jesus believe in such people?

The believers Jesus believes in do not blow with the wind. Their faith and hope are anchored in the unchanging promises of God and finished work of Jesus. (Hebrews 6:19-20) These are the ones Jesus will confess before His Father. (Matthew 10:32) Let us each strive to be this type of believer. Adam Litmer

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Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
David Collins	Adam Daniels	
	Marcus Lake	
	Adam Litmer	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	
	James Weatherholt	

