

## Did Jesus Die for the Right or the Left?

Pastor Doug Hinton

*And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

**1 Peter 2:4-5**

Have you ever worked with stone? Stones are not uniform like brick: you need to study them, look at them in relationship to the other stones, and see *not only* how they will fit together, but how they will *hold* together. Stones are built together for structures such as a house, prison, or castle, or used for walls around a property or graveyard. In the passage above, Peter calls believers *living stones* built around the cornerstone who is Christ. As living stones, we must be patient, teachable, compassionate, humble, and able to question our own 'rightness' in light of Jesus' teaching and way. In our current cultural climate, it seems more important for people to BE right instead of LIVE right, to associate with the strong and not the humble, to win for our 'side' instead of humbling ourselves to understand one another. It seems so many believe that Jesus died for their side and not the 'other.' As we recognize this in ourselves, we must confess to one another, die to our self, pick up our cross and follow Jesus, *through whom we have received reconciliation*. As I pondered this, I wrote the thoughts below. WE are ministers of reconciliation, *as though God were making an appeal through us*. Don't give the enemy a foothold nor non-believers a reason to degrade God's Holy Name. Rather, as those who know that *God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself* on the cross, be ambassadors for Christ Jesus our Lord and work toward reconciliation with the help of the Holy Spirit. So many worry about Jesus dying for the left or right and missed that He died for the whole.

*As I walked after Jesus, as I sought to follow Him, I got lost in the crowd. He slipped out of the crowd and went on His way. Much as I tried, I could not find Him. Not until days/weeks later...I heard He was to be killed, crucified. I knew I followed Him the right way...the only way...and others with me had it wrong. Their understanding was too different, too other, to my own. And as I walked toward the cross, I knew only part of his body would be pierced. To my surprise and shame, I walked upon a battered man I thought was Jesus...though it was difficult to tell – someone there confirmed. I saw my Savior, my Lord and God upon that tree....both His left and right nailed to that cross beam. Then, one of the soldiers ran a spear into His side and water poured out onto the ground. I ran to Him....ran to that puddle on the ground. That person...that man...who carried the different understanding, the one I knew was wrong - turns out he was right behind me. We'd been arguing the past couple of days about aspects of Jesus ministry, tearing each other apart about His teachings. We stopped at the cross and fell to the ground, just before the water on the ground. As I opened my eyes, tears pouring out, falling into the water poured from His side, I saw my brother in the reflection. Jesus' last utterance began to ring in my ears...my mind...my spirit: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." My brother and I stood up...looked at one another, and began to embrace. Standing there, weeping and seeking forgiveness from one another, we heard Jesus the Christ breath His last: "It is finished."*

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# HCOB Adult Sunday School

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† **THE CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDERS** class meets in the newly renovated room at the end of the education wing on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. We study the International Lesson. We have three or four regular teachers who each teach about one Sunday a month. We have several socials a year with the majority of our class participating. Our offerings are used for special needs within our congregation or community. The contact people are Ruth Johnson and Millie Hoffman. This month's theme is: "Call to Discipleship."

March 3	Called to Serve	Teacher: Denny Bushong
March 10	Called to Sacrifice	Teacher: Butch Nachbar
March 17	Called to Return	Teacher: Jim Kettering
March 24	Called to Repent	Teacher: Galen Brumbaugh
March 31	Called to Follow	Teacher: Tom Fritz

† **THE SEEKERS**—Please join us as we start an 8 week video series taught by Louie Giglio on the book of Colossians. Each week we will watch a video and then discuss what we have learned. You can watch a short preview of the video series here: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/287526?episode=Trailer>. If you have ever thought you would like to join a Sunday School class, but haven't, this is a good time to do so. We meet in the room just off the sanctuary, also used as the prayer room. Contact person is Rich Bushong (717-664-4395 before 8:30pm or [grb@dejazzd.com](mailto:grb@dejazzd.com)).

# Messages in March

March 3



## The Two Foundations—*Matthew 7:24-29*

*Pastor Doug Hinton*

Since the beginning of the year, we've been looking at what it means to be the "light of the world." For the season of Lent, we will look at *The Servant King*. At this pivot point, we'll look at the two foundations that people build their lives around, choose what we will do with the last couple of months' teaching, and choose who we will follow.

March 10



## A Servant's Kingdom—*Matthew 3*

*Pastor Doug Hinton*

For the season of Lent, we will be looking at the Servant King, Jesus. In **Matthew 20:28**, Jesus says, "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." We will walk with Matthew to see how Jesus lived this statement out. In Matthew 3, we see a heavenly and human voice announce Jesus' coming ministry: why is this important? What is the Servant King called to do? How can we follow?

March 17



## The Servant King's Job – *Matthew 12:9-21*

*Pastor Geoff Davis*

Jesus was the authoritative Son of man, but he was also a servant. The Pharisees feared Jesus as someone who challenged their power and status. He consistently challenged them. The people were desperate to be healed of their illnesses, infirmities, anxieties, and hopelessness. He served and healed them and gave them hope. 2,000 years later, what role do we play in God's plan? Do we look for the comfort of the status quo or do we see those who are suffering and use God's gifts to heal and bring hope? Are we willing to become servants of the sick, poor, desperate, and hopeless by bringing the message Jesus brought? "In his name the nations will put their hope." (Matthew 12:21). But we have an important role in bringing his name to the nations.

March 24



## A Man of Authority—*Matthew 8:5-13*

*Pastor Doug Hinton*

What qualities does a Servant King possess: honesty, integrity, justice? How and who did Jesus serve? We see this interaction between Jesus and a Centurion soldier after the Sermon on the Mount. What's the larger picture here and how can we relate? We'll look at this interaction between Jesus and this man with "such great faith in all of Israel."

March 31



## Our Role Model— *Matthew 20:20-28, 2 Corinthians 8:9, Philippians 2:1:10*

*Laura Meiser*

How often do we practice spiritual disciplines like fasting? What value does it carry? Why should we fast? What is the first step? Let's look at this practice and see how to follow Jesus even closer.

# March Ministry Schedules

March 3  
March 10  
March 17  
March 24  
March 31

## NURSERY

Peggie Layman, Ivy Davis  
Carolyn Gingrich, Marg Zurin  
Sue Brubaker, Sallie Hoppert  
Betty Cox, Sarah Fisher  
Jen Lugar, Carol Koser



March 3  
March 10  
March 17  
March 24  
March 31

## WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

Jamie Bushong  
Joel Kettering  
Pete Cope  
Randy Ziegler  
Joel Kettering

## WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

TBD  
TBD  
Al Shuss  
TBD

## SPECIAL MUSIC



March 3  
March 10  
March 17  
March 24  
March 31

## CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

TBD  
Sanctuary Choir  
TBD  
Sanctuary Choir  
TBD

## VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Dave Bendit  
Ben Johnson  
Dave Bendit  
Doug Howard  
Dave Bendit



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## SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

Dick Caldwell & Rich Bushong  
Jamie & Rich Bushong  
Dave Schott  
Jamie & Rich Bushong  
Jamie & Rich Bushong

## SOUND TECHNICIANS—10:15

Blaine Garber & Rich Bushong  
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong  
Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong  
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong  
Dave Dum & Rich Bushong



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## DEACON GREETERS

Doris Wright  
Lois Killian  
Paula Connelly  
Penny Kettering  
Doris Wright

## JNH GREETERS

Tom & Carolyn Fritz  
Earl & Betty Zimmerman  
Edith Martin  
Carolyn & Richard Gingrich  
Bruce, Bonnie & Abby Wright

## OFFERING TABULATORS

Dave Dum, Rick Schaidle

# March HCOB Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 6:45 PM WORDD Worship: Expressions of Love and Praise	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM QuintEssentially Brass Rehearsal
<b>3</b> Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 10:15 AM Friendship Community Leading Worship 4:00 PM Young Adults/Families Small Group 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	<b>6</b> Ash Wednesday Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM Ladies Spring Bible Study 5:00 PM Care of Church Community Team 7:00 PM Prayer Experience	<b>8</b> 6:30 PM Church Family Game Night	<b>9</b> 8:00 AM QuintEssentially Brass Rehearsal
<b>10</b> 1st Sunday in Lent & Communion 2-Cent-A-Meal Offering Daylight-Saving Time Begins Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 12:00 PM Silver Singles 6:30 PM Fellowship & Hospitality Team 7:00 PM Worship Team	<b>13</b> Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Stewards of Property	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Education Team	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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For more details about upcoming events and up-to-date calendar information, please visit  
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