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Service Times:

Sunday Bible Study	9
AM	
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11 AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation	
(Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7 PM

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March 31, 2019

**You Are Invited To Attend Our Annual
SPRING GOSPEL MEETING**
Theme: "... we would see Jesus" John 12:20-26

MEETING DATES

Sunday, May 5 – Wednesday, May 8

SCHEDULED SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday, 9a.m., 10a.m., and 6p.m.
(Potluck fellowship immediately following
morning worship)

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday @ 6p.m.

Guest Speaker: Jeff Archey



Topics:

Sunday 9am Bible Study: We Would See Jesus in the Bible.
Sunday 10am Worship: We Would See Jesus in the Church.
Sunday 6pm: We Would See Jesus in Our Lives.
Monday 6pm: We Would See Jesus in Our Homes.
Tuesday 6pm: We Would See Jesus in Our Salvation.
Wednesday 6pm: We Would See Jesus in Eternity.



HOLY

Alan Judd

After dividing the sea and delivering the people from the Egyptian army, Moses bursts forth in spontaneous song in praise to the Lord. One verse of the song asks in **Exodus 15:11**: “Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?”

Moses did not intend for the people to debate or attempt to formulate an answer to this rhetorical question. None are like the Lord. None can compare to God. He has no peers, nor equal. The phrases “fearful in praises” and “doing wonders” are both deserving of study and I encourage you to spend time researching and meditating on what both expressions convey as they relate to the majesty and power of God.

I want to use this article to explore the phrase “glorious in holiness.” The holiness of God is His glory. But, what did Moses mean by using the term holiness? What do we mean when we say God is holy? The word holy and its cognates appear over 500 times in the Bible. The word first appears in Exodus 3:5 where Moses is informed, he was standing on holy ground. The soil was not unique because it contained some unusual composition of minerals, but it was hallowed or holy because God manifest Himself there in the form of a burning bush.

Holy describes the glorified perfection belonging to the nature of God. Hence, He is described as the Holy One. He is pure, unmixed, free from all blemish in His essence and operations. Holy connotes the sphere of the sacred and delineates from the ordinary and profane. The idea of separateness is suggested in the word and applies to how God is greater as Creator than are we, His creation. One scholar suggests that holy is the *mysterium tremendum* (the mystery of awe) and urges that we speak of God with a measure of awe when we use holy as a synonym for His deity.

The term holy is applied to men and even objects in Scripture when such are consecrated or set apart for or by God’s purposes. The Mosaic Law provided instructions and regulations concerning how the activities of worship led by the Levitical priesthood could be considered holy. The New Testament most often uses the term holy in connection with the Spirit of God. The work of Christ is also effective, to those who obey and comply with His Gospel, to make sinners holy as **Colossians 1:21-23** describes. Peter encourages: “as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.” **1 Peter 1:14-16**

The casual and flippant way the word holy is used today by many in the world is disgusting. When one understands the term and its unique application to God and the amazing reality that He allows us to be described in the same way when we are obedient to His Son, we will not use it to modify trivial, common, or ordinary things.

How grand to think of the honor and joy that will be ours as we join with the Heavenly Host and praise our God for eternity as **Revelation 4:8** previews: “They do not rest day or night, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!”

SIX HOURS THAT CHANGED HISTORY

Joshua Kennedy

The greatest story ever told is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. No story has captured more attention, both good and bad, than His story. Christians read His story and rejoice because they have a Savior. The Atheist reads it and hears a story about a good man and his religious zealots. There is one thing that both sides can agree on: this story is not one to be taken lightly.

By far, the most compelling part of Jesus's story is His death on the cross. The agony that our Lord went through for us is difficult to imagine. "Why would He go through so much for me?" "Why go to the most horrific form of execution imaginable?" "Why not come in 2019 when we have lethal injection?" "Why go through all that torture?" The answer is one that is so simple, yet it is so complex: love. My Lord and Savior endured great torture because he looked out across space and time and saw us. He saw our broken, sinful souls, and He loved us so much that He came to this earth. He put on the form of the creatures that he created. He lowered Himself so that we could be lifted up.

This article is for all those who wear the name of Christian, and those who haven't named the name of Christ. This article is for you to see the love and the suffering that our Lord went through for us. These six hours have not only changed history, but they have changed man's eternal destiny.

The pain of Jesus's execution began in the Garden of Gethsemane. He went a little farther than His disciples so He could pray. The Bible records how Jesus lay flat on the ground wailing and crying out to God. He begged the Father to allow this cup of suffering to pass from Him, but He acknowledged that the Father's will was going to be done (Matt. 26:39). He then had to endure the pain of rejection as Judas betrayed Him with a sign of friendship (Matt. 26:48-49). He then was led to the Chief Priests who gave Him a mockery of a trial and beat Him and spit on Him (Matt. 26:57-68). While He was going through this humiliation, he again had to experience rejection as Peter, one of His closest friends, cursed and swore that he didn't even know who Jesus was (Matt. 26:69-75). After this, our humiliated Savior was taken to Pilate to be put to death. If all of this wasn't enough for the Son of God, the people chose a known murderer rather than Him (Matt. 27:21). He went through all this pain, and He isn't even to the cross.

A Roman scourging many times killed the one who suffered this fate. The whip had bits of bone and glass that bruised and shredded the flesh of the victim's back. Charles B. Hodges said in his book *The Agony and Glory of the Cross*: "Scourging was brutal. It produced great welts, deep stripes, and a swollen body. Often eyes and teeth were knocked out." This wasn't even His form of execution.

Finally, Jesus was led to Golgotha. His cross was lifted, more than likely, after He was nailed to it, and He hung there for six hours. Six hours of struggling to breathe, six hours of listening to the mob insult Him and laugh at Him, and six hours of bearing your sin and mine. This is what our Savior did for us. This is the love that He had for broken, sinful man. This is the sacrifice that changed history. He bore our sin to the cross so that we wouldn't have to spend our eternity separated from God. Man could now come boldly before God (Heb. 4:16). His love has liberated us from the pain and emptiness of sin, and we can now live a new life in Christ.

Let it never be said of us that we forget this sacrifice. We as Christians worship God three hours a week, and we think that is enough. Our Lord spent six hours on the cross bearing our sins, and we think that we can give him three hours. We need to see Christianity for what it is: a lifestyle. God loved us so much that He gave His Son for our sinful souls. Let us never lose sight of the cross.