

RIDICULING JESUS

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When Jesus entered the ruler's house, He told them the girl was not dead, but sleeping. Those in the house "*Ridiculed Him*" (Matthew 9:24). Ridicule is the subjection of someone or something to mockery and derision. They mocked Jesus' words! They scoffed at them.

Folks do this today; they ridicule the Lord for words He spoke. He taught that marriage is to be between one man and one woman, and folks today ridicule such words (Matthew 19:4-6). He said that marriage is to be for life (Matthew 19:6, 9), but folks today ridicule that, and tell folks who are Unhappy in their marriage that they "Deserve to be happy."

Jesus said "*He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned*" (Mark 16:16) and folks have been mocking the statement ever since; claiming that baptism isn't necessary to salvation. They wouldn't say they're ridiculing Jesus, but if one ridicules His words, he ridicules Him! The blood of Christ cleanses our sins (Revelation 1:5), but it's at the point of baptism that we connect with the blood; how else could Peter say that baptism saves (1 Peter 3:21)? Baptism connected Saul's sins with the blood (Acts 22:16). Don't ridicule the Lord; you won't like the results - Condemnation! 🔍

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



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- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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DEEP THOUGHTS

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The average depth of the Pacific ocean is 14,000 feet! The average depth of the oceans collectively is 12,200 feet! That's well over two miles! That's Deep! Let's learn some spiritual lessons from the depths of the sea....

Cleansing Sins. Micah says that God is willing to "*Cast all our sins into the depths of the sea*" (Micah 7:19). Notice the totality of this cleansing. When God forgives, He forgives all. It matters not what sins you have committed, how often you've committed them, or how long you've been committing them. The blood of Christ can wash them all away. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 lists the most hideous crimes against God one can imagine, yet Paul said they were "*Washed*" (vs 11). But note also the time of the cleansing. The blood of Christ is what cleanses my sins, but when? At the point of baptism. It must be, or how else could Ananias tell Saul to "*Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins...*" (Acts 22:16). After one hears the Gospel (Romans 10:17), believes in Jesus as the Christ (John 8:24), repents of sins (Acts 2:38), and confesses his faith (Romans 10:9-10), he's ready for God's

cleansing through baptism.

Causing Sins. Jesus taught that if a man causes another to stumble, he'd be better off if "*A millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea*" (Matthew 18:6). Consider the carelessness of the offenders. Some are careless with the word of God, they twist it to their own destruction and that of others (2 Peter 3:16-17). Don't be led away with the error of the wicked, study (Acts 17:11). Some are careless with their dress. Rather than dressing to profess godliness, they dress to profess their flesh (1 Timothy 2:9). Lust is a deadly sin, don't tempt others to do so (Matthew 5:27-28). Then there's the condemnation of the offenders. They await eternal damnation in hell fire (Mark 9:42-44). No wonder they'd be better off in the depths of the sea!

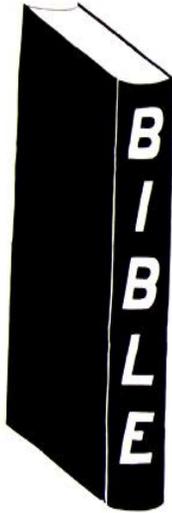
Concealing Sins. Some tried to hide from God in Bashan (Psalm 68:22), but they were not successful. God said He could bring them back from "*The depths of the sea.*" We may sometimes hide our sins from men, but God will reveal them on the last day and condemn us for them. He will "*Judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ*" (Romans 2:16). Confess your sins now! Psalm 32:5. 🔍

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THE BIBLE

1 THESS. 2:13



BUY THE TRUTH - PROV. 23:23; 1 PET. 2:1,2

BE NOT UNWISE - EPH. 5:17

INVESTIGATE - HOS. 4:6; JO. 5:39,40; ACTS 17:11; 2 TIM. 2:15

BELIEVE - JO. 20:30,31; LK. 8:12; 1 THESS. 2:13

LOVE TRUTH - 2 THESS. 2:10-12

ETERNALLY SAVED - JO. 12:48; ACTS 20:32; MT. 25:46

OR CONDEMNED - 2 THESS. 1:7-9; 1 PET. 4:17,18

HAVE YOU OBEYED?
MT. 7:21

IS IT YOUR GUIDE?
PSM. 119:105

By Steve Hudgins via <http://executableoutlines.com/charts>

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN
(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

ONE SIDE:
UNLESS WE'RE HUMBLE,
WE'RE SURE TO STUMBLE
1 COR. 10:12

OTHER SIDE:
"HUMBLE YOURSELVES IN
THE SIGHT OF THE LORD"
JAMES 4:10



SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

The God of All Comforts

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Frank Anderson
Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Tony Jenkins

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Todd

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Invitation.....Ben Green

*Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!*

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!