

News & Notes

August Anniversaries:

Dale and Marion 1
Chad and Robyn 26

August Birthday's

Joan 8, Brian 11, Meagan 25, Dale 26.

Food Cupboard: Donations are always welcome. Usage is growing.

Songs for Wed: It's time to give Art more of your favorite hymns that will be used for Wednesday Bible Study on zoom.

Building Cleaning: We don't have anyone singed up to clean in August.

Ruth Zimmerman will be travelling from Papua New Guinea to Canada beginning Aug. 7. Please keep her in your prayers. Copies of her most recent mission report are available in the foyer.

Scheduled to Serve:

	Today	Jul 24	Jul 31
Chair	Chad	Art	Chad
Preaching	Art	Chad	Art

Contributions: send to churchcollege@yahoo.com or leave in box in foyer.

Key to the Kingdom – Fridays 8:30 am on Vision TV

Bulletin: If you have news you would like to see shared in the bulletin, please get it to Art by Thursday noon (kingstonchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or 613-876-4605).

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Email kingstonchurchofchrist@yahoo.com for zoom link to Bible study at 7:00 pm Wednesdays.

July 24, 2022

“Quote” of the week

"It is comforting to know that the God who guides us sees tomorrow more clearly than we see yesterday."
—Author Unknown

Visitors, Welcome to our gathering! Join us in worship and fellowship.

Please join us in worshipping God as we sing, pray and read the Bible. We also share communion each Sunday remembering the sacrifice of Jesus who gave himself to die for our sins. If you wish to partake with us, you are free to do so.

We hold the Bible to be God's inspired message for us and hold it in highest esteem.

If a question comes to mind, please ask it. We will try to help you find answers from God. Please let us know of any way we can serve you.

Jesus, The Jew from Nazareth

Here are Ten Hebrew Bible factoids about Jesus. Sometimes the obvious is so obvious that it never enters our conscious thought and thus loses its power. Therefore, we begin with the "obvious" (and forgotten) truth that Jesus lived, breathed, spoke, and looked like a Hebrew Bible believing and Jewish living Rabbi.

The Messiah is Jewish. The Lord of all is Jewish. Born, lived, died, raised from the dead as Jewish. He prayed as a Jew, worshiped as a Jew, taught as a Jew, hoped as a Jew. Neither Jesus nor the apostles ever heard of the word "Christianity" or "Old Testament." First Century "Christianity" was so Jewish that the Romans no more distinguished "Christians" and "Jews" than they did "Pharisees" and "Jews." These are not small things.

Jesus grew up in a traditional Jewish family totally immersed in Judaism and its annual Pilgrimages (Lk 2.41-42). During his ministry, the Gospel of John reveals Jesus continually "going up" to Jerusalem for communal worship (Jn 5.1; 6.4; 7.2; 10.22; etc).

Jesus participated in "extrabiblical" Jewish worship festivals like Hanukkah/Festival of Dedication (cf. John 10.22ff; See 1 & 2 Maccabees).

The Gospels clearly tell us that Jesus even dressed like a faithful Jewish man and rabbi. Unlike the usual paintings of Jesus, he wears traditional Jewish prayer shawls with tassels (see Numbers 15.37-40; Mk 6.56; Mt 9.20). Jesus's clothes were extremely Jewish.

When Jesus said, "There was a man with two sons" (Lk 15.11f) Jews would immediately know the brothers would not get along. They would hear Cain vs Abel; Ishmael vs Isaac; Esau vs Jacob; and probably Israel vs Judah. "Two brothers" was a common motif in the Hebrew Bible and in Jewish teaching in Jesus's day.

When Jesus spoke of the heartbroken Father in that Story (Lk 15.11-32) that he is using the image of the heartbroken Father in the Old Testament in Hosea 11.1-11.

The words of God from heaven at Jesus' baptism is a quotation from the Hebrew Bible combining Psalm 2.7 and Isaiah 42.1.

All of Jesus's Beatitudes are either explicit restatements from the Hebrew Bible or paraphrases of the biblical text.

-blessed are the poor in Spirit (Mt 5.3; Isa 66.2; etc.)

-blessed are those who mourn (Mt 5.4; rooted in Isaiah 61.2-3)

-blessed are the meek (Mt 5.5; Ps 37.11)

-blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (Mt 5.6; Ps 42.1-2; Isa 55.1-2; etc.)

-blessed are the merciful (Mt 5.7; this beatitude is rooted in dozens of texts that characterize "mercy" as a fundamental trait of Yahweh)

-blessed are the pure in heart (Mt 5.8; Ps 18.25-26; Ps 24.3-6; etc.)

-blessed are the peacemakers (Mt 5.9; Ps 34.14; Ps 37.37; Jer 29.7).

When Matthew narrates the travels of Jesus he is showing that Jesus ministry spans the whole of the classical area of ancient Israel, especially the boundaries of the Davidic kingdom (Mt 4.13-25).

Four of the seven "Sayings on the Cross" show Jesus praying the Psalms or a paraphrase of 1 Exodus text.

-My God why have you forsaken me (Ps 22.1)

-I thirst (Ps 22.15; Ps 69.21)

-into your hands I commit my spirit (Ps 31.5)

-It is finished (Ex 40.33)

From this brief survey we get the impression that Jesus never said - or did - much of anything that is not connected to the Hebrew Bible. The NT writings are so interwoven with the "Old Testament" that it is difficult to separate them. Perhaps we would see so much more going on in Jesus, and the Faith once delivered, IF our minds were as saturated with the Hebrew Scriptures as our Lord. Maybe we would read the New Testament more faithfully if we came to terms with Jesus THE JEW.

Shalom & Blessings (from a FaceBook post by Bobby Valentine)



Let's Keep Praying For

- The people of Ukraine & other war-torn areas
- Betty
- Dale and Marion's health
- Brian as he struggles with health issues
- Cancer patients: Jenn, Shaun, Tim F, Chad's cousins Grace & Harold, Laura Lynn, Patti-Anne
- Chad's parents Marilyn and Roy. Health issues