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Minister's Moment—Who Do I Say that I Am?

We have been looking at Jesus in our sermon series for the last few weeks. We've been striving to dive deeper in our understanding of who He is but also in our desire to follow Him. I have been challenged as I have prepared these messages; they have revealed and uncovered so many things that I often want to remain covered and hidden. So, this article is about who I say I am, who do I let others see, who do I present before God, who am I present as the true Todd, even if it isn't always true?

I want to look at an interaction Jesus has with the woman at the well. She is most likely an outcast in her community because of the time she has come to the well and also the fact that she is all alone. Jesus has set up an opportunity to not only meet her but to transform her life. However, before the transformation he offers (living water bubbling up within her) there has to come confrontation of who she really is.

John 4:13-18 - Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water." "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. "I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband—for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!"

Here we find Jesus confronting her about the one topic she really would rather avoid, Go get your husband. Think about what Jesus is doing here, He is challenging her to see and accept the truth about her situation. It is at this point that the woman has to make a decision, will I show Him the disguise that I try to pass off to others or will I reveal the truth about myself? She decides to come face to face with the truth (at least partially). I have no husband. Jesus seeing her willingness to start the process of coming clean helps her finish by filling in all of the details. He is right, you've had 5 husbands and are living with a man who you aren't married to, you certainly have spoken the truth. You might see this as a little abusive and uncalled for but it absolutely is not; the only way we can ever be truly transformed is for us to see ourselves for who we truly are.






That is why we need to ask this question of ourselves, who do I say I am? Is our answer aligned with the truth? Are our eyes open to who we really are and what needs we desperately need? Our degree of maturity in Christ is directly proportional to our degree of transparency and vulnerability with Christ. If I am unwilling to uncover my sinfulness, weakness, and flaws before Him how can His grace, mercy, and power cover them?

John 4:39-24 - Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world."

The result of her vulnerability was not only does she come face to face with the Messiah and get to experience the springs of living water but many others also come face to face with Jesus, the Messiah, and get to enjoy those same springs. All of this is the result of one woman being willing to look at the truth of her own life when she comes face to face with Jesus.

Are we willing to do the same? Will we truthfully answer the question, who do I say that I am? Notice everything changes when we are willing to answer that question, even the answer to that question changes. She is no longer the woman who fails at every relationship, she is now the woman who has an eternal relationship with Jesus and who introduced many others to Jesus as well. If we will honestly answer the question, who do I say that I am, then our answer too can be changed. I am a Child of God!

April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 5am-Men's Study 4:30pm-High School Boys Bible Study 4:30pm-High School Girls Bible Study 5:30pm-Grace Grp	3 4pm-Ladies Bible Study 6pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Class	4 5:30pm-Thursday Serveday 	5	6 8am-1pm-Work Day at Central Elementary 
7 9:10am-Worship/Kid's Worship 10:35am-Worship/Sunday School 5pm-Bible Study in the auditorium Connections Groups (see Todd W) 6:30pm—SNAC at Johnny Bruscos in JC	8 5pm.Men's Bible Study	9 5am-Men's Study 10am—Ladies Craft Group  4:30pm-High School Boys Bible Study 4:30pm-High School Girls Bible Study	10 4pm-Ladies Bible Study 6pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Class	11	12	13 5pm-  —JUST+OLDER+YOUTH—
14 9:10am-Worship/Kid's Worship/SS Class 10:35am-Worship/Sunday School 2pm-Feeding the Homeless in JC 5pm-Bible Study in the auditorium Connections Groups (see Todd W) 6:30pm—SNAC at Amigos in Elizabethton	15 5pm.Men's Bible Study	16 5am-Men's Study 4:30pm-HS Boys Sty 4:30pm-High School Girls Bible Study 7pm-CC Men's Fellowship	17 4pm-Ladies Bible Study 6pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Class	18 5:30pm-Thursday Serveday 	19	20
21 10am-Combined Worship@Pavilion (Followed by Youth Fundraiser meal) 1pm-Deacon's Meeting No Connection Groups	22 5pm.Men's Bible Study	23 5am-Men's Study 4:30pm-HS Boys Sty 4:30pm-High School Girls Bible Study	24 4pm-Ladies Bible Study 6pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Class	25	26 8am-2pm-Garage Sale 	27 8am-2pm-Garage Sale 
28 9:10am-Worship/Kid's Worship/SS Class 10:35am-Worship/Sunday School 5pm-Bible Study in the auditorium Connections Groups (see Todd W) 6:30pm-SNAC at Pizza Inn in Elizabethton	29 5pm.Men's Bible Study	30 5am-Men's Study 4:30pm-High School Boys Bible Study 4:30pm-High School Girls Bible Study	5pm-8pm-Garage Sale Donations Drop Off			



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| 6-Nevaeh Henry | 18-Connor Kelly |
| 8-Christy Burrough | 18-Haley Rice |
| 8-Betty Fernandes | 19-Shiloh Bennett Bryant |
| 8-Karen Robey | 20-Fetty Judge |
| 9-Tony McKeehan | 22-Keith Ray |
| 10-Todd Franklin | 24-Mitch Cornett |
| 10-Judah Norman | 24-Heather Hendrix |
| 10-Tom Turbyfield | 25-Dylan Marks |
| 12-Bethany Markley | 26-Brandon Kelly |
| 12-Alex Middleton | 29-Janae Asche |
| 13-Regonna Sneller | 30-Landry Hughes |
| 14-Colby Wood | 30-Zoey Townsend |
| 15-Brad McKeehan | 30-Lori VanDyke |



- 9-Luther & Nancy Cox
12-Brandon & Amy Wandel
25-Jeremiah & Allison McClain

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Workers' Schedule

Children's Ministries

Preschool/Nursery 1st Worship:

- 7: Sharon Hammons, Julie Yunker & Lori Whitson
- 14: Theresa King, Mikkayla King & Brandi Kerr
- 21: Katelyn Kozee, Courtney Dailey & Lori Whitson
- 28: Ashley Church, Lori Whitson & Sarah Turbyfield

Nursery 2nd Worship:

- 7: Karen Robey & Summer Hyden
- 14: Karen Robey & KC Wolfe
- 21: Combined Worship
- 28: Karen Robey & Jennica Norman

Preschool 2nd Worship:

- 7: Leora Hendrix
- 14: Carolyn Caraway
- 21: Combined Worship
- 28: Lori VanDyke

Preschool Helpers 2nd Worship:

- 7: Connie Wade
- 14: Lori Smith
- 21: Combined Worship
- 28: Connie Wade

Kid's Worship:

- 7: Janice Greene
- 14: Jamie & Alison Lundy
- 21: Family Sunday
- 28: Julie Murphy/Keira Wolfe

Worship Ministries

Communion Meditations:

Worship #1 & 2

- 7: Bob Hendrix
- 14: Jeff Carter
- 21: Bob Judge
- 28: Keith Carr

Sound Room:

- 7: Josh Carter, Wayne Turbyfield
Jeff Whitson & Aaron Church
- 14: Wayne Turbyfield, Levi Wolfe,
& Matt Wolfe, Pdraig Murphy
- 21: Wayne Turbyfield, Josh Carter
& Daniel Hill
- 28: Wayne Turbyfield, Josh Carter,
Matt Wolfe & Levi Wolfe

Brew Crew:

- 7: Jessica Greene
- 14: Lori Whitson
- 21: Combined Worship
- 28: Larry & Sharon Hammons

Worship #1 Greeters:

- 7: David & Theresa King
- 14: Tim & Karen Robey
- 21: Tom & Terry Turbyfield
- 28: Michael & Karen Vick

Worship #2 Greeters:

- 7: Chauncey & Betty Fernandes
- 14: Kemp & Marcia Haley
- 21: Everett & Lori Smith
- 28: Bob & Fetty Judge

Service Attendants:

- 7: White Team
- 14: Blue Team
- 21: Red Team
- 28: Orange Team

Men's Wed Youth Sponsor Schedule:

- 3: Garrett Townsend
- 10: Bob Judge
- 17: Tom Caraway
- 24: Jamie Lundy



Central family!



It's April! How is that even possible?! This means summer is right around the corner and we have so much going on here at the church, which is great! I was just wondering... have you considered a session of summer camp for your Kiddos? For years, I have been involved at Appalachian Christian Camp. It is a wonderful place with many wonderful different sessions available for all ages. If your child has expressed interest in attending camp ACC, be sure you come chat with me or go online and start looking at the available sessions this summer. I would encourage you to pick sessions that are not at the same time as our VBS, which is June 2nd-6th. Also, there are scholarships available for Camp, please do not let money be the reason your child doesn't grow in their faith at Camp. If you have questions about scholarships or general questions, come talk to me! I will be glad to answer any questions you may have. Blessings to you and your family as we enter April 2024!

Jeremiah McClain
C4 Children's Ministry Coordinator



Tuesdays: 4:30pm-Highschool Boys Bible Study, led by Sam Kozee
Tuesdays: 6:30pm-Highschool Girls Bible Study, led by Courtney Dailey
Sunday, April 21: Youth Fundraising Meal
Saturday, April 27: 11am-2pm Car Wash

April Sunday School Lesson Schedule

Adults/Youth:

April 7: The Conquering King
April 14: Scriptures are Confirmed (Luke 24)
April 21: Combined Worship
April 28: Doubts are Overcome (John 20)

Children:

April 7: Jesus is Our Perfect King (Colossians 1)
April 14: Jesus Appeared to the Disciples (Luke 24)
April 21: Combined Worship
April 28: Jesus Appeared to Thomas (John 20)





Sunday, April 21

at 10:00 am

at the Pavilion



The Grace Group (Grief Resilience and Caretaking Experience) will meet the first Tuesday on April 2. The meeting will be at 5:30 in the upper room. See Julie Yunker for more information.



We are starting a new adult Sunday school class in our first hour! The curriculum will be the same as the second hour, The Gospel Project, which is also used in our children's and youth classes. We will pick up with a new unit beginning on April 14th. It will be taught by three of our elders & meet in the fellowship hall at 9:10 am. Come join us as we dig deeper into God's Word!

Thursday Serveday



Thursday Serveday is starting up again on Thursday, April 4th and April 18th! We will meet at the church at 5:30pm to serve in the community for a couple of hours! See Josh Carter, David McKinney, Lori Whitson or Billy Murphy for more information or if you know of a need in the area that we can help with! Bring gloves and tools and come join us!



April 7: Johnny Bruscos in JC
April 14: Amigos in Elizabethton
April 28: Pizza Inn in Elizabethton

The Ladies Craft group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am, April 9th. Each person should bring a craft to work on (knitting, crocheting, card making or any craft of your choice) If anyone wants to learn a craft we can help the get started. Everyone is welcome!



The Joy Group will be having an Italian get-together on April 13th, at 5pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for instructions on what to bring!

Don't miss this opportunity for fun and fellowship!



On April 14, we will be feeding the homeless in Johnson City. We will meet at the church at 2pm to prepare food, deliver it and serve it that Sunday. If you want to participate in any part of this process, see Billy Murphy!

On Tuesday, April 16, the Carter County Christian Men's Fellowship will meet at Oak Grove Christian Church at 7pm. Lamar Garrison will be the speaker. All men are invited to attend!

Men's Fellowship

Youth Fundraiser Meal!



On Sunday, April 21st, the youth will host a fundraising meal. The menu will be BBQ sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans, drink and dessert. Proceeds will go toward the summer mission trip to KY. Plan to stay and support the youth!



Deacons' Meeting

There will be a Deacons' Meeting on Sunday, April 21, following clean-up of the fellowship meal. All deacons, plan to attend!



Friday & Saturday, April 26-27
8:00am—2:00pm

Donation drop-off, Monday-Thursday, April 22-25 from 5-8pm. Proceeds for pavilion paving!

*Youth Car Wash—April 27