

# BETHANY

## INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

Bethany IV ... 19 March 2023

## MEDITATION

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Text: Luke 4

## “THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME”

### THE CITY OF NAZARETH

The Lord Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Joseph and Mary had to return to Bethlehem because of a census ordered by Caesar Augustus. They escaped to Egypt because of Herod's threat to kill all infants under three years.

Mary and Joseph returned to Naza-

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reth in the North. The Lord Jesus grew up in Nazareth. The distance between Bethlehem and Nazareth was about 112 km.

## MINISTRY IN NAZARETH

The Lord Jesus returned to Nazareth after His temptations in the Wilderness (Luke 4:1-13). He made a strong and bold declaration at the local synagogue there.

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me,  
Because He has anointed Me  
To preach the gospel to *the* poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to *the* captives  
And recovery of sight to *the* blind,  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;  
<sup>19</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."  
Luke 4:18-19

1. The Anointing of the Spirit
  - a) To authenticate the Ministry of the Lord Jesus
  - b) To anchor His Ministry
  - c) To authorise His Ministry
2. The Arena of His Ministry
  - a) The poor
  - b) The broken-hearted
  - c) The captives
  - d) The blind
  - e) The oppressed

## THE SON OF MAN

This was the Ministry of the Lord Jesus as the Son of Man. Two things would ensure His success in Ministry.

1. The Gospel of salvation

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- a) The grace of God would be given
  - b) Faith must be exercised
2. The power of ministry
- a) The Holy Spirit of God will grant full power and authority
  - b) This resulted in Miracles

Our challenge is to appreciate afresh the ministry of the Son of Man! May we be challenged to follow Him as His Disciples!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us today. May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship!



## MINISTRY IN BETHANY THIS WEEK (20– 26 March 2023)

- 1. Seniors Program  
Tuesday and Thursday, 21, 23 March 2023 | 9.30 - 11.30am
- 2. YPG/ YAG  
Saturday, 25 March 2023 | 2.00pm
- 3. Youth Worship  
Saturday, 25 March 2023 | 3.15pm
- 4. Sunday Ministries | 26 March 2023
  - a) Sunday School | 8.30am

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- b) Combined Worship Service | First Baptismal Service | 10.30am
  - c) Children's Worship I | 10.30am
  - d) Children's Worship II | 10.30am
  - e) Crèche | 10.30am
  - f) Catechism Class
- There will be no Catechism Class  
Catechism Class will resume after Easter



## EASTER 2023

**1. 26 March 2023**  
1st Baptismal Service

**2. Palm Sunday**  
2 April 2023 | 2nd Baptismal Service

**3. Maundy Thursday**  
6 April 2023 | Communion Service | 8.00pm

**4. Easter Sunday**  
9 April 2023 | Venue: Shangri La Hotel

## THREE SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES A YEAR

We have 3 Special Worship Services a year at Shangri La

- 1. Easter
- 2. Anniversary
- 3. Christmas

## CELEBRATING EASTER

We celebrate the following:

- 1. The truth of the Resurrection
- 2. A foundational Truth that is at the heart of the Gospel



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### CHURCH FAMILY CAMP 2023

*"To live is Christ and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21*

Thank God for His grace and blessings!

Thank God for the following:

1. The sponsors
2. The Planning Committee
3. The Support Teams
4. All who attended Camp

There is so much to reflect on and to praise God for.



### GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

BREAKFAST: WEI LIANG & WENYUAN

LUNCH: MITCH & STEPHANIE; GERALDINE & KUM SENG



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### WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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#### Psalm 132:10-12

<sup>10</sup> For Your servant David's sake,  
Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD has sworn in truth to David;  
He will not turn from it:

*"I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.*

<sup>12</sup> If your sons will keep My covenant  
And My testimony which I shall teach them,  
*Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore."*

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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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1. The LORD's oath to David
  - a) He will set one of his sons to ascend the throne
  - b) This was a veiled Messianic promise
  - c) That seed of David was the Lord Jesus Christ
2. The Application to the physical descendants of David
  - a) God will give to David's descendants
  - b) They will succeed him if they will keep His covenant
  - c) The Messianic throne of David will remain forever

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## BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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### **TODAY: 19 March 2023**

***Text: "Let all the angels of God worship Him"      Hebrews 1:6***  
***But when He again brings the firstborn into the world,***  
***He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."***

1. The Firstborn
  - a) This is a title of the Lord Jesus in this context
  - b) It is not a reference to creation
2. The Angels of God
  - a) They were commanded to worship the Firstborn
  - b) This command from God confirms the status of the Lord Jesus

### **NEXT SUNDAY: 26 March 2023**

***Text: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever"      Hebrews 1:8***  
***But to the Son He says:***  
***"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;***  
***A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom."***

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME

The Lord Jesus came as the Son of Man;  
This was all according to the Lord's plan.  
He would have to be tested by the Devil;  
He must know how to resist Evil.

He would be given the Spirit of God;  
That means the full power of the LORD.  
But He would have to preach the Gospel;  
Many were trapped by the power of Evil.

The Spirit's Role would be all-important;  
The Son of Man must speak what is relevant.  
There were many who need the Gospel power;  
He must be there, strong and kind, every hour.

The Spirit of the LORD was given without reservation;  
He would be involved in giving regeneration.  
The Spirit's Power must be sought even today;  
May our heart begin this search without delay!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Luke 4:1-18

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## TO LIVE AND LEARN CHRIST

From hereon in my life I must try to learn Christ  
Please open my eyes, heart and mind to His teachings  
For the truth is to be found in Lord Jesus Christ  
Renew the spirit of my mind in righteousness and holiness

A key restraint to my objective is my old conduct  
Like clay which has a memory it can revert to its old shape  
Hence I have to work diligently to succeed in developing a new construct  
Change is indeed a hard task master to manage

Paul's testimony of how he changed is inspirational and humbling  
After a profound experience with the Lord Jesus on his way to Damascus  
He no longer saw himself as great but in need of transforming  
And in deep humility his heart yearns to live for Jesus

By the grace of God the mystery of Christ was revealed to Paul  
Through the effective working of the Lord's power he ministered to gentiles  
Such amazing love of the Lord to be able to touch the heart of Paul  
Making him to press on for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ  
Jesus

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: (Philippians 1:21; 3:14; Ephesians 3:2-4; 7-8; 4:20-24)



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Mr. Alvin Foo*

*Mr. Andrew Foo*

## PRAYER

## HYMN

HWC 309 | Pass It On

VIP 380 | The Bible Stands

## MESSAGE

“The Son of Man”

Text: Hebrews 2

*Rev. Dr. Charles Tan*

## CLOSING HYMN

HWC 231 | Jesus Shall Reign

## BENEDICTION

## OFFERING

## POSTLUDE



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# HYMNS

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## HWC 309 PASS IT ON

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:  
You spread His love to ev'ryone, you want to pass it on.

2. What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;  
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

3. I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found -  
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound;  
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know:  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on!



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# HYMNS

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## VIP 380 THE BIBLE STANDS

HALDOR LILLENAS

1. The Bible stands like a rock undaunted  
    'Mid the raging storms of time;  
Its pages burn with the truth eternal,  
And they glow with a light sublime.

Chorus

The Bible stands though the hills may tumble,  
It will firmly stand when the earth shall crumble;  
I will plant my feet on its firm foundation,  
For the Bible stands.

2. The Bible stands like a mountain tow'ring  
    Far above the works of men;  
Its truth by none ever was refuted,  
And destroy it they never can.

*Chorus*

3. The Bible stands and it will forever,  
    When the world has passed away;  
By inspiration it has been given,  
All its precepts I will obey.

*Chorus*

4. The Bible stands ev'ry test we give it,  
    For its Author is divine;  
By grace alone I expect to live it,  
And to prove it and make it mine.

*Chorus*



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# HYMNS

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## HWC 231 JESUS SHALL REIGN

ISAAC WATTS

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does His successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.
4. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
His grateful honors to our King,  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"



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