

“Behold the Man”

Introduction

Scripture Reading: John 19:1-5

1. People are sometimes presented to the world for public scrutiny. (There have been many examples but I remember O.J. Simpson)
 - A. Peter had denied Jesus; comes before Pilate’s court.
2. In John 19:5 We see the presentation of Jesus by Pilate for public scrutiny **“Behold the Man!”**

Behold - “The Man”

1. Jesus was not a phantom or an illusion.
2. Jesus was “A Man” who could be seen, heard, and touched.
 - A body like ours (likeness of men) *Philippians 2:7

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 John 1:1-3 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life--the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us--that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Behold the Man - Whom God Sent!

1. People have been looking for and are still looking for the Messiah's, prophets, etc., sent by God!
2. Jesus is THAT MAN!
 - A. Jesus says so himself:

John 13:20 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

John 17:3-5 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was." **(Genesis 1:26)**

John 17:8 "For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me."

John 17:18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world."

John 17:21 "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."

- B. It was prophecied by Isaiah long ago that Jesus would be the Messiah.**

Isaiah 59:15-21

Isaiah 59:20 “The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” says the LORD.

Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”

Matthew 1:23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

- C. God sent Jesus to earth through the Virgin Mary**

Luke 1:26-35

Behold the Man Whom God Sent - to Save You!

- 1. People are always struggling with sin, mental torment, etc.**

A. They are looking for someone to heal them.

B. They are looking for someone to save them.

- 2. Jesus is THAT MAN!**

1 Peter 2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-- by whose stripes you were healed.

Matthew 1:21 “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Luke 19:10 “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Behold the Man Sent - Who Has No Sin

1. **People who need help want someone who is somewhat “in control” of their own life, who isn’t himself given to sin, mistakes, errors in judgment.”**

2. **The problem is: All mankind sins:**

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:10 As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one;”

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin.

A. **From the first man to the last, there are NO exceptions. All sin.
Romans 5:12-15**

3. **Except for Jesus! Jesus is THAT MAN!**

A. **Notice Hebrews 4:15**

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

1) **Why no sin?**

--- **He was God in the flesh (John 1:1,14)**

--- **The Devil had nothing in Jesus (John 14:30)**

B. There was “No Fault In Jesus.”

John 19:4 Pilate then went out again, and said to them, “Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him.”

John 19:6 Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him.”

C. Jesus was “innocent” and “Just.”

Matthew 27:4 saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” And they said, “What is that to us? You see to it!”

Matthew 27:19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.”

Matthew 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it.”

Matthew 27:54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Behold the Man - Who Cared

1. In Jesus, there is not even the fault often associated with “perfect people”, which is, not caring about others.
2. Jesus is THAT MAN who cares!
 - A. If He did not care, why would He die for us?

Mark 4:38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”

1 Peter 5:6-7 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Matthew 9:36-38 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Conclusion

1. **“Behold the Man that died for you and me.” Through His death, and subsequent resurrection, He is Your Savior and My Savior!**

1 John 4:14 And we have seen and testify that **the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.**

2. **We must believe in Him and submit to His will TODAY!**

2 Corinthians 6:2 For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, **now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**”

3. **Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins, and “PUT ON” this MAN JESUS in your life!**

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

4. **Nobody else can do for us what Jesus came to do and successfully completed. It is only through Him that we can have eternal salvation.**

5. **Won't you this morning truly BEHOLD THE MAN - The MAN Jesus Christ!**

- A. **The Son of the living God!**

- B. **Who came to earth and dwelt among mankind in the likeness of man, yet in him dwelt the “fullness of the Godhead bodily.” (Colossians 2:9)**

- 1) **We are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.**

