

# Worship Servants:

**This week: 5/14/23**

Sermon: Matt J  
 Preside: John S, Bert S, Scott S, Kolton S  
 Opening Prayer: David H  
 Closing Prayer: Glenn E  
 Singing AM: John S  
 Singing PM: Justin H

**Next week: 5/21/23**

Sermon: Matt J  
 Preside: Barry S, David D, Phillip E, John A  
 Opening Prayer: Dylan N  
 Closing Prayer: James M  
 Singing AM: Doug M  
 Singing PM: Alex H

# Sermon Notes:

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MERCEDES DRIVE  
**CHURCH of CHRIST**

**May 14, 2023** VOL. 16 NO. 20

### Service Times

**Sunday:** Bible Class 9 AM, Worship 10 AM, Worship 6 PM  
**Wednesday:** Bible Class 6 PM

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# Welcome

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY |** June 6th, 6:30pm  
 MDCOC Fellowship Hall  
 Held monthly on the first Tuesday.

**SATURDAY SISTERS |** May 20th, 9am  
 Host - Helen Mulaparathi  
 Teacher - Monalisa Harbin

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY |** June 13th, 6pm  
 MDCOC Fellowship Hall  
 Held monthly on the second Tuesday.

**TEENS IN THE WORD |** May 16th, 6pm  
 At the Jones House

**MEN'S BREAKFAST |** May 28th, 7:45am  
 At the building.

**1ST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP |** June 4th  
 9AM - Bible Class  
 10AM - Worship  
 3PM - Kids activities  
 5PM - Family Singing / Devotional

**GIRLS FOR CHRIST |** May 28th after services

**LADIES REVELATION STUDY |** 2nd & 4th Sundays  
 1PM at the building  
 Taught by: Helen Mulaparathi

**Check the bulletin in the foyer for more announcements and upcoming events.**

# How Do You See Jesus?

Tyler King

There's a popular section of scripture where Jesus is on a boat with His disciples, a storm arises, they inquire of His care, and He calms the sea. This account has often been communicated in a way that publishes the idea that "Jesus can calm the storms in your life." While I don't disagree with that message, I don't think that's the entirety of the gospel writers as they recount such events. For Luke, there are no fewer than 4 instances that the question arises, "who is this?" when concerning Jesus and His miraculous works. Consider following texts in identifying who the son of Man is.

**Luke 5:21 – "Who is this that blasphemes?"** / This particular story tells of Jesus encountering a man who was paralyzed, and rather than adhering to his physical ailments initially, Jesus forgives his sins. When the scribes and Pharisees see this, they accuse Him of blasphemy, for ONLY God can forgive sins. The question leads us to know that Jesus provides healing to those who seek.

**Luke 7:49 – "Who is this that forgives sins?"** / Similar to the last account, a woman who is entangled in sin comes to Jesus. She not only finds Him, but she begins weeping, and wiping His feet with her tears, actively anointing Him with oil. Yet again, a Pharisee has to intervene with his presuppositions. In a brief lesson to Simon the Pharisee, Jesus conveys the beautiful message of forgiveness, and continues to demonstrate such forgiveness to this woman. Those who were at the table watched Jesus forgive this woman of her sins. We know from this question that Jesus offers forgiveness to any sinner.

**Luke 8:25 – "Who is this that even the winds and waves obey His command?"** / This is perhaps one of the most prominent accounts of Jesus' ministry aside from His healings. In the previous verse, the disciples woke Jesus up and proclaimed, "we're perishing!" Upon waking up, Jesus commanded the waves to still and so they did. Turning to the disciples, the Lord asked the heart-stopping question, "where is your faith?" They were struck with awe and fear and asked each other who this Jesus really was. We learn that Jesus remains in control and faith acknowledges such power.

**Luke 9:18 – "Who do the crowds say that I am?"** / In discussion with Peter, Jesus implores as to who the general witnesses believe Him to be. Peter appropriately responds, "John the Baptist, but others say, Elijah, and others that one of the prophets of old has risen." From Peter's observation, Jesus is nothing more than a mere religious figure to those who don't believe.

**Luke 9:20 – "Who do you say that I am?"** / Shortly after the previous question, Jesus brings the question to a more personal dimension. The Son of Man asks Peter directly who he believes Jesus to be. Peter's response is confident, "The Christ of God." Afterward, Jesus confirms His belief and begins to unfold the plan of the cross. The truth remains, Jesus is the Christ, the Savior, to those who believe and follow.

These questions seem to all correlate in at least one way: they all point toward salvation. Are we like the crowds who keep Jesus only as a religious figure? Or do we experience His salvation and forgiveness like those who believed? The limits and bounds of our discipleship hinge on our view and faith in the Christ, the Son of God.

# WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **AUDREY TIDWELL** and her road to recovery
- **ANDY CADDELL** has health issues right now
- **GRACE SIDES** has covid
- **BRIAN SIDES** is recovering from shoulder surgery
- **KEN RAMAY** is at DCH
- **DAVID** and **JAKE DAILEY** will be traveling back this week
- **DANNY DAILEY** for health reasons
- **Congrats to Tim and Kayla Banks** on the birth of their baby girl "Violet Joanie Rose"
- **BETTY** is home.
- **JACK ADKINS** is having surgery **May 24.**
- **KOURTNI YOUNG** had procedure and is doing well.
- **CINDY PERKINS**, friend of Juanita, is home after **85 days** in the hospital.
- **ZACHARY DAVIS**, friend of Juanita, has had hospice called in.
- **FAMILY OF MICHAEL EDMENDSON** he passed away **April 11th**
- **JENNIFER**, Kayla Banks' friend, is needing prayers for her baby
- **MARIE STRAIN** in hospital for blood clots in her lungs
- **SIMS FAMILY**, live in Brookwood, lost their child in a car accident
- **ANNA MARSHAL**, Kitty's sister, is in hospital.
- **MISSION WORK IN INDIA**
- **BARBIE SMITH'S FATHER** and all of health issues
- **LYN'D DUNNWOODY** Debbie's Brother in Law's Daughter, has breast cancer
- **JAMES HALL** needing prayers and is needing encouragement.

## ATTENDANCE

Worship A.M. ... 75  
Worship P.M. .... 65  
Wed P.M. ....38

## CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$3,364.85  
**BUDGET**  
Weekly.....\$3,000.00

