

What Time Does Jesus Get Here?

by Dan Jenkins Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Palm Beach Gardens, FL

He was only three years old and knew very little about worship, but he knew more than many adults. As he waited for worship to start, he kept looking around and finally asked, “Mommy, what time does Jesus get here?” Wow! Such profound truths so often come out of the mouths of children.

The Bible repeatedly emphasizes that Jesus is present in our worship. He is present around His table. As He instituted the Lord’s supper in the upper room, He said, “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you” ([Luke 22:15](#)).

The *repetition* of the word desire is a Hebrewism expressing the most intense feeling. This *repetition* is found in [John 3:29](#), where John describes himself as the friend of the Bridegroom who was coming. “The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice.” The Greek literally says, “He rejoices with joy.” It is also found in [Acts 4:17](#), where the Greek says, “Let us threaten them with threats.” Jesus looked at that night around His table and expressed His feeling in the most intense way a Jew could show His feelings, “With desire have I desired.” These words are the preamble to the institution of the Lord’s supper.

Another very significant statement of Jesus in the upper room is His promise to be around the table with us. “I will . . . drink it new with you in My father’s kingdom” ([Matt. 26:29](#)). Jesus is with us and we commune with Him.

Jesus is present with us when we sing together. “In the midst of the church will I sing praise unto Thee” ([Heb. 2:12](#)). That three year old child might not have seen Him, but He was there as the singing began.

He is there when we pray. Did He not promise that *wherever* two or three gather to pray that He would be there ([Matt. 18:20](#))? Bowed head cannot see Him, but we can know that as we pray He is in our midst.

The truth is that Jesus “gets here” *every time* we worship. I shall never understand why some do not want to be in Jesus’ presence *every time* He assembles with the saints. If we don’t want to be with Him here, why should He want to be with us there? What is your attitude toward worship? Do you “desire with desire” to feast with Him around His table, to sit at His feet to learn more about Him and to sing with Him?

The real question is not what time does Jesus get here, but what time do you get here!

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God’s Word

If you have something for the bulletin please contact Wayne Carter before noon on Friday.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Condolences to family, friends, and loved ones of Tony Grana. He passed away Sunday Nov. 21st.

Please see the obituary posted on the board in the back or at <https://www.rhoneyfuneralhome.com/obituary/Anthony-GranaDDS>

Condolences

John Bigham, age 53, former son in law of Linda Stine, passed away recently from Covid. He was the father of her grandson Devin Bigham.

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Mark, a co-worker of Denise Garlitz, passed away recently from Covid.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Barb Oliver Let's keep her in our prayers and also Mark & Audrey as they minister to her.

Marjorie Reed Let's pray that she continues to recover well.

Bill Kinney continues to recover from a recent heart procedure. Let's pray for him and also Kris as she ministers to him.

Sherry Carter She had surgery, again, Monday Nov. 29th. She was released Thursday to go home.

Darlene Reed Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues.

Linda Stine was hospitalized recently with a foot infection. She is on antibiotics.

Ray & Bev McArthur are both dealing with Covid. Let's keep them in our prayers.

Maria Swindlehurst is dealing with a stomach issue and undergoing tests.

Louella Hopkins requests our prayers as she ministers to Jean and family members.

Pat Hazlett Let's pray for her for encouragement.

Carol Jones was under the weather this past week.

Vicki Elder recently had a TIA. Let's pray things go well.

Lula Elder had cancer and was in remission but the cancer is back. She began chemo treatments once again.

Keith Marten had open heart surgery Oct. 12 and is now recovering at home.

Marvis Garrett has been dealing with health issues.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother) is dealing with health issues.

Becky Rose, Erin Orton's mother, is scheduled for gall bladder surgery Dec. 7.

Richard Boyle, Maria Swindlehurst's nephew, was in Millard Fillmore Suburban recently dealing with numbness from the waist down.

Chris Nitto He has been in and out of the hospital dealing with chest pains. He is a member of the Amherst congregation.

Dan Calleri He has Covid and other health issues. He is a member of the Amherst congregation.

Jim Zachery is suppose to go back to Cleveland Clinic for tests in Dec. He is a member of the Amherst congregation.

Bob Ammerman is dealing with health issues. He is a member of the Amherst congregation.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Dec. 11 Ladies Holiday Party 11:30 AM at Antonio's

Dec. 11 Visitation & funeral service for Tony Grana
Visitation 11-Noon Memorial Service at Noon.
Rhoney Funeral Home 901 Cayuga St. Lewiston

Dec. 19 Men's Business Meeting

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,657.00

Attendance Last Sunday 34

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back of the auditorium.

Pick up a new copy of the *Power for Today* and start 2022 in the Word

Ladies

The Ladies Tuesday morning Bible class has been postponed until after the holidays. More info to follow later.

Ladies

Money is due today for the Ladies Holiday Party. Cookies are due today but if you didn't bring them they need to be at the building no later than Dec. 9th. If you have any questions please see Denise Garlitz.

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

What a blessing it is to be a part of such a giving congregation. On Nov. 21st, 15 Thanksgiving baskets were given to friends and family who could use an extra hand. Your donation of food and monetary contributions exceeded the need this year and baskets will be put together for the Christmas holidays for those in need. Extra perishable items were donated to First Step. We appreciate Wegman's for their generosity and willingness to supply the turkeys and for a monetary donation. Also, we extend a special thank you to the Charles Bennett family for their dedication to this ministry. May God continue to be glorified.

Caleb Callari's Radio Program - "Everyday Follower"

Do a search on YouTube for
Everyday Follower, School of National Evangelism - Philippines

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