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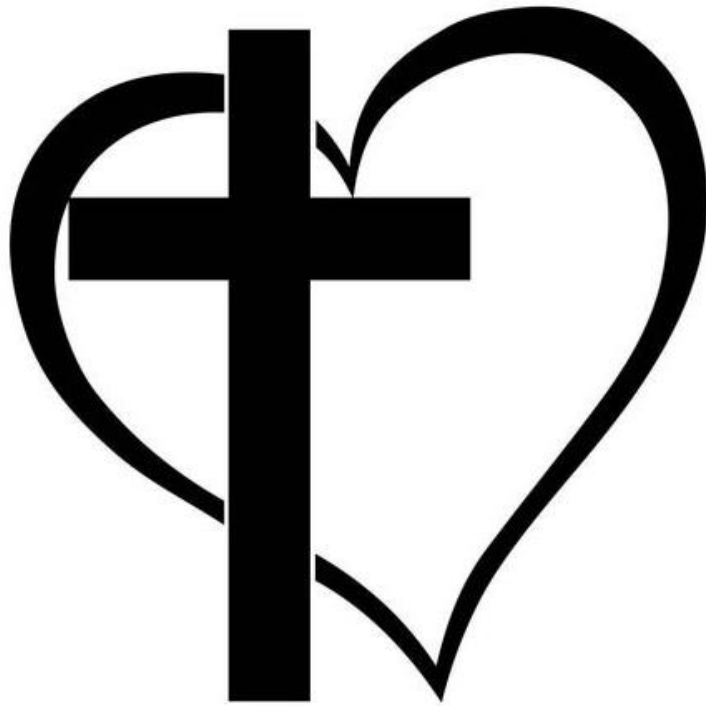
Wake Union Baptist Church

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is proclaimed in truth and love"*

THE LORD'S DAY

May 31, 2020

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Jesus, the Righteous Branch

In our passage, Peter uses an incredibly powerful description of the Lord Jesus as the righteous branch. This incredible fulfillment of Scripture tells us more about who Jesus is. First, let's look at the interesting notes of Scripture. In Matthew 2:23, Jesus is there called a Nazarene.

Interestingly, the spelling of the word in the passage is actually very different. In the old language, it is commonly spelled: Nazarene, which is just transliterated over into our English. But in Matthew 2:23, it is spelled: Natsorean. This is probably a play on words with the word of the location where Jesus was raised, but it is also far more significant. The word Natsorean means, branch. Incredibly the spelling change occurs in 14 other places, including Acts 22:8, where the glorified Jesus calls Himself, Jesus the Branch!

Why should that be exciting? Because this points us back to the Old Testament fulfillment of the coming, righteous branch. There are numerous beloved passages I would encourage you to look up for yourselves: Isaiah 4:2, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Jeremiah 33:15-16, Zechariah 3:8, Zechariah 6:12-13. But let us look at one of them:

Zechariah 6:12-13 12 Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: "Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the LORD;

13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.'"

This is what Jesus did in His victorious death, life-giving resurrection, and glorious ascension. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came into the people of God's pasture, and this was the building of God's temple.

In the Old Testament, the Branch Man is prophesied to do many things: He will cleanse from sin, He will make the earth fruitful, He will reign in all authority, He will be the Lord who is our Righteousness, and He will be the servant of God. This can be none other than the living and reigning Lord Jesus Christ!



When Peter refers to Jesus by this very word, Natsorean (Branch), in Acts 2:22, Peter is pointing to that very truth of Jesus. To us, this may not seem quite so incredible, until we see the branch as the Jews would have understood it.

Moreover, we may not realize it, but this has quite a lot to do with us. In Romans, Paul says that we were grafted into the root—that root is Jesus Christ! (cf. 11:1) This means that we have been joined into the lifegiving branch that is Jesus Christ.

Jesus has done this for you because He loves you!

Prayer Request Updates

Our Nation – Protection, healing, and especially turning to the Lord Jesus.

Coronavirus victims and those grieving over the loss of loved ones.

Talking

Sermon Points on Acts 2

1. How can I get people to listen to me more?

2. If "talk is cheap," what does it matter if I swear?

Answer the Questions above, by looking at the Scriptures below:

- Proverbs 17:27
- Matthew 5:37
- Colossians 4:6
- 2 Timothy 1:13
- Titus 2:8
- James 3:2

After you're finished, read the text at the bottom of the page.

These verses are about how we talk to other people. God cares about this because words are very powerful. Practice talking well—kindly, without gossip, only after you know what you're talking about, in turn, and so on. This will take practice, but it's well worth it.

1. Gospel Sign (1-13)

2. Gospel Explanation (14-21)

3. Gospel Proclamation (22-24)

One Accord

In Acts 2:1, it says that the people of God were all in one accord. Think of this. They have been in the upper room since Jesus ascended to the right hand of authority and power. They were not only waiting days for what Jesus promised, but they were waiting together.

No doubt, it's hard for many of us to wait for things we are excited for, but I wonder if we ever get antsy if we have to stay close with folks for days on end? This is the situation that we see for these believers.

They were not just together, but Scripture says they had one accord. The word means that they were: "united in purpose, one in thought, joyfully together." This is a recurrent theme throughout Acts that the true people of God were united joyfully together. Luke uses the word over 10 times!

This is what it looks like to be dedicated to the Lord and loving one another! Do you think that describes how you feel about your home? Your brothers and sisters in the Lord at Church?

Do you want to know what's even more amazing? Acts 2:1 describes them in joyful union even before the Holy Spirit was given! We have every reason to love each other joyfully in the power of the Lord.