

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:45am
Morning Assembly 10:35am
Evening Assembly 6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00pm

RADIO PROGRAM

The Bible Speaks



Sunday 9:00-9:30a.m.
KURM 790AM

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Pastor Frankie learned from
Hollywood how to reach out to
others. Others were skeptical.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Today
All Classes
Num 20-21

Next Sunday
All Classes
Num 22-23

This info is provided
to help everyone stay
in synch during our
three-year study thru
the Bible (Sunday AM).



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Jesus Loves Me — Again?

My hat goes off to those who teach our little ones in the Bible classes. It can be a thankless job, but it is vital to the long-term health of this congregation — and the little ones.

Some teach from a sense of duty, and I find no fault with that. I wish that more Christians felt compelled by duty — and not just to teach. Duty is a legitimate motive for moms and dads to fulfill their roles, for men to serve as elders, and for teachers to stand before a class. Never despise those who operate from a sense of duty.

Others seem to enjoy teaching. But, this is not necessarily a good thing. They may just enjoy the position. Such people may make good teachers, but from time to time their ego shows through — and the lesson is spoiled.

The ideal teacher is motivated by duty **and** love. Thank God for the army of teachers we have who have sung 'Jesus Loves Me' a million times — not because they love the tune, but because they love the little souls who need to learn the **message!**

- *WKing*

FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER LIST –

Preachers we support: Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, U.S.
The sick: Mary Lou Lewis, Shirley Cole, Kathy Fletcher, Sylvia & Arvis Tatom,
Margaret Abel, Sandra Walsh, Richard Wike, Diane Willis and Nellie Shell
Shut-ins: Betty Jo Young and Helen Weiser

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

 Our monthly Q&A service will be tonight.

Joseph will be addressing some of the questions that have been submitted.

SENTENCE SERMON: When I can help someone in no other way, I can always pray for them.

Through Ancient Eyes

On a list of people's greatest fears, one highly unlikely to appear is someone who is clothed and in his right mind. Look at the demon possessed man before he was healed (Lk 8:29) and after (vs 35). Which would seem to be more terrifying?

So, it seems a bit odd that they found the man sitting and clothed in his right mind to be more terrifying than him running around naked with great strength.

There were likely a couple of thoughts running through the town's people mind when they decided to send Jesus away. First, it was the herdsman who reported what happened. They may have put a certain spin on it after losing a large herd of pigs. Second, after noting how strong the demon

possessed man was, how much stronger must Jesus be?

Yet these were just signs of a deeper problem. Jesus did not just cleanse the demon possessed man. He cleansed the area of dishonest gain. According to the Old Law pigs were considered unclean (Lev 11:7). So why would there be such a large pig herd next to the Jewish people? These may have been 'black market' pigs. Additionally, they were likely using this demon possessed man to hide their pigs. No one would dare come near to see what they were doing. Jesus attempted to cleanse them of this dishonesty and they did not want it.

So, why were they terrified of Jesus and the now sane man? **Because, when people want to keep sinning, there is nothing more terrifying than Jesus' cleansing power!**

-JVenuso

"And men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." - Jn 3:19

Another Perspective

Dear Aunt Ruby

"What do you suppose happened to my dear Aunt Ruby? Do you think she went to heaven or hell? And, what about the people on the South Seas islands who never heard the gospel. Will they be lost?" Never do you find anyone in the Bible asking such questions. They are irrelevant. After all, if these people went to hell, what could you do about it?

The relevant question in the Bible is, *"What must I do to be saved?"* It was asked by the multitude on the day of Pentecost (Ac 2:37). It was asked by the Philippian jailor (Ac 16:30) and by Saul of Tarsus (Ac 9:6).

The truly important question is that which concerns me individually. When I stand before the judgment bar of God, I will be judged for my own actions (2 Co 5:10). It will be my own personal acceptance or rejection of the word that will determine my eternal fate (Jn 12:48).

Related to this is the response that some people give when they realize that a dead relative did not obey. *"Well, if Aunt Ruby won't be in heaven, I don't want to go there either."* What?! This isn't a vacation! If Aunt Ruby isn't in heaven, and you go to hell to be with her, neither of you will enjoy the visit. Clearly, this expresses a greater love for dear Aunt Ruby than for Jesus.

Remember that the Bible never brought up such a subject. It is nothing more than the imagination of humans who declare their allegiance to man rather than to God.

- Bob Pulliam (edited)