



THE MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting

November 13

Our Next Gospel Meeting

Next year

Weekly Bible Studies

Thursday at 1 on Zoom

Friday at 1 on Zoom

Times of Service

Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM

(Immediately followed by a short worship service)

First Friday of Month

Singing

November 4, 7:30

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HIDDEN, BUT NOT IN HIDING

Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?" (John 7:33-36)

These Jews were the Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, chief priests, and members of the Sanhedrin. Though often at odds with one another, they came together due to their mutual desire to eliminate Jesus. One can imagine that the longer time went on the more desperate they became to be rid of him. How uncanny it must have seemed to them that Jesus eluded their traps and trickery time and again.

The events of John 7 occur before the Jews' hatred of Jesus reached the boiling point. When Jesus spoke of going somewhere they could not find him and could not go, they must have become indignant. Palestine was a small territory. Where did Jesus think he could go that he could not be found? He was too well known in Galilee; Jews were too hated in Samaria; Jerusalem and Judea were the backyards of the Jewish leaders. There was no place He could hide that they could not find Him. Interestingly enough, when Jesus' time had fully come, the Jews did not have to go hunting for Jesus for He willingly turned Himself over to them.

So, what did Jesus mean when He said, "*You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.?*" He meant that as long as they were looking for a Jesus that never was, they would never be able to find the Jesus that He really is. They were looking for the interloper so that they might eliminate Him; they had no interest in the promised Messiah. They were seeking to

Members Needing Our Prayers

Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, The Spivey family, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

Dalton Denny, Charles Bishop, Brian Mason, Ernestine Byers, Glen Perkins, Allison Walker, Dwight Antle, Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon

To Our Guests

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lay hands upon the One who claimed to be the Son of God in order to maintain the status quo; they would never find the One who came to fulfill the law.

The same is true today. One will only find the Jesus who is, if he is seeking the Jesus who is. *If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.* (John 7:17-18) Too many people find a Jesus of their own making. He went into hiding to keep from being found. His opponents found just what they were looking for: a troublesome pest to kill.

One who is looking will have no trouble finding the real Jesus. *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."* (Matthew 7:7-8). The problem is not with God or His Son Jesus; the problem is with mankind. *I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' to a nation that was not called by name.* (Isaiah 65:1) John Thompson

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