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Sermon Notes



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Teach those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ Acts 28:31

January 2022

Do you search the scripture?

This was the trouble with the disciples as it was of course the trouble with the Pharisees.

You see, the Pharisees had a Bible, but they didn't have Jesus. And the Pharisees, the contemporary theologians of their day had a high regard for the OLD TESTAMENT scriptures. They believed OT to be the word of God. But of them the LORD JESUS CHRIST said, **John 5:39**, It's a categorical statement of fact not as a command or imperative. **John 5:39**, **"YOU SERACH THE SCRIPTURES BECAUSE YOU THINK THAT IN THEM YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE; AND IT IS THEY THAT BEAR WITNESS ABOUT ME."** So, you've a Bible, you've truth that isn't alive because you won't come to me. Jesus is saying, I AM the only person who puts LIFE into TRUTH.

So, the Pharisees had a Bible, but they didn't have JESUS. And because they had a Bible that was detached from JESUS, they had a Bible that couldn't Redeem them, and they had a Bible that couldn't Regenerate.

Now the disciples had Jesus, but they hadn't got a Bible. They love Jesus, the

person of Jesus and they were enraptured with the man, Jesus. They forsook everything for Jesus, they were loyal to Jesus. They were enthusiastic about Jesus, but they had Jesus who in their connotation of his Messianic mission was totally detached from the Bible. No Cross, no Resurrection, no we don't want that kind of Jesus. We just love Jesus. That's why they struggle to understand when Jesus mentioned his death and resurrection

If your Bible detached from JESUS, the Bible neither Redeem nor Regenerate you.

If you've got a JESUS who is detached from the Bible, you've got a JESUS who can't redeem you, you've got Jesus who can't regenerate you.

But you see, in the UPPER ROOM, the Lord Jesus Christ opened there understanding, they might understand the scriptures, and they saw that He as the Living Word was the one who came to implement the Written Word and now Jesus and the Bible, came together and they BOTH MAKE SENSE!

Future Dates to Remember

January 25th Church Members meeting at 7pm.

This Month's Speakers

- January 1st Family worship and God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service.
After the service, we will have fellowship lunch on bring and share basis. A crèche is also available for toddlers during the second part of the service. Prayer meeting after the service at 2pm.
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- January 8th God willing Pastor Robin Asgher from will be preaching and leading the service.
The service will be followed by the Lord's Supper.
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- January 15th God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service.
Ambassador for Christ Baptism class 2pm.
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- January 22nd God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service.
Sunday afternoon service at the local detention centre 2pm.
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- January 29th God willing Harish Patel from London City Mission will be preaching and leading the service.
EQUP a session on outreach after the service 2pm.

Weekly Meetings

Sundays	Morning Service <i>We thank God that He is a faithful God. We do not take up an offering during the service. Our offering box is located at the back of the church.</i>	11am
Monday	Bi-lingual Prayer Meeting	7:30pm (Via Zoom)
Tuesday	Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at the Local Detention Centre	9am - 2pm
Wednesday	Toddler Group Morning Prayer Meeting Evening Prayer Meeting	9am-11am 10am 7:30pm (Via Zoom)
Thursday	Elders/Deacons meeting	
Friday	Kids Club (5-8 years old) Kids Club (10-16 years old)	4:30pm-5:30pm 6pm-8pm

If you are interested in any of these meetings or would like further information, please contact Pastor **Robin Asgher 020 8754 1184**

Points for Prayer

We believe that the Scriptures call on churches as well as individual believers to pray fervently, reverently, humbly, sincerely, regularly and with faith (Luke 21:36 Watch therefore and pray always: James 5:16 The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much).

Please pray for Tony Sansom he is home after pacemaker put in and recovering.

Please pray for Dickson's family who recently joined the church and attending regularly pray that they may settled down with us.

Please pray for Abraham Matthews returns to Bristol to continue his studies.

We are grateful for all his help with the music at the church.

Please pray for our church members meeting Wed 25th Jan.

God willing Stephen family returning from Pakistan in Jan.

Please pray for a Sikh family M lost his mother due to cancer and we visited them.

As you make your requests known to the Lord, include:

- that the Lord deliver you from evil
- that the Lord send out laborers into His harvest
- whatever else is on your heart

Missionary Interest

London City Mission - Every Londoner to Know The Gospel:

Hounslow is sometimes referred to as "Little Punjab". Many residents hold a strong identity in the Sikh or Muslim faith. "They say to us, 'All things are the same,' – meaning all religions are equal. We need to show that their anchor is in fragile ground", describes Hounslow based missionary Harish Patel. LCM have been working alongside churches in the borough to

connect with people from these and other communities, recently through street evangelism and book tables.

Want to find out more about reaching people in Hounslow please visit [LONDON CITY MISSION](#) website.

Please pray for the work of **LONDON CITY MISSION**.

Finally, offer this prayer to the Lord: To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17