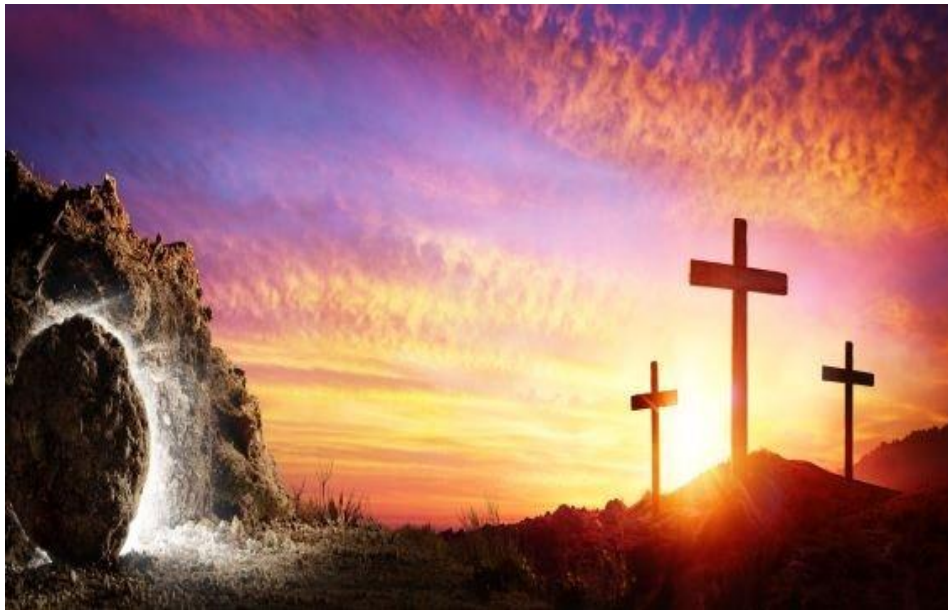


Journeying Toward the Resurrection

Mark 14:12-26



Great Swamp Baptist Church
March 30, 2025

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Lloyd Freeman

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

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Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:
Juliette & Barbara L.

Next Sunday 04/06
Kim M. & Nicole M.



In the school
office building

Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Juliette & Mike W.

Next Sunday 03/30:
Mike D.



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Chuck Scoggins



Phone: (843) 816-0483

**NEXT WEEK'S
DEACON:**
Calvin Bryan



*From
the
Pastor's
desk:*



A Dinner In Honor Of Jesus John 12:1-11

Introduction: As we continue our journey toward the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ our blessed Lord, in this message we will take a look at a special dinner given in honor of Jesus, and exclusively in honor of Jesus. I dare say that anyone of us looking at this message have ever been to a meal or dinner given exclusively for the purpose of honoring Jesus. While we have been to many dinners in honor of a lot of other persons.

However no one deserves greater honor than Jesus Christ our Lord. And really every meal we eat and everything we do we should do in such a way that Jesus Christ receives all the glory and honor. So hopefully from this message we will learn better how to honor Jesus as we examine the way in which He was honored at this meal.

I. First, lets notice why a dinner was given in honor of Jesus. Verses 1,2.

As we examine this dinner we will clearly discover that there are at least two reasons why there was a dinner given in Jesus' honor.

Both reasons have to do with the town in which the meal took place, as well as the specific home the meal was given in. The town was Bethany. This was a very special place to Jesus because of the friends that He had there. The friends He had there that are well known to us are Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Now Jesus had spent much time in their home and recently had been there only a few days earlier.

However on this occasion it wasn't Martha, Mary and Lazarus' home, though they were very much a part of the meal. But from the Gospels of Matthew and Mark we are specifically told that the meal was at the home of Simon the leper.

So the question is why does where this meal takes place tell us why the meal was given? The answer to that question is that Simon the leper is no longer a leper, because if he was then hardly anyone would have shown up out of fear of getting leprosy. The obvious implication is that Jesus recently healed Simon. Also Jesus had just, in the last few days, resurrected Lazarus up out of the grave. Thus the meal was given by Simon the leper at his house in conjunction with Lazarus, and his two sisters to honor Jesus for the healing of Simon and the resurrection of Lazarus.

So what we learn is that this meal of honor, is a meal of gratitude. Today if we threw a meal in honor of Jesus it would be a time for all of God's people to, one by one, stand up and voice all the wonderful things that our Jesus has done for us. As a matter of fact, spiritually speaking, every Christian has been raised from the dead. For the Bible tells us that we were dead in our transgressions and sin, but made alive through Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore we must live our lives in a manner that we are constantly giving gratitude to Jesus and openly expressing it.

II. Second, lets notice who was at the dinner in honor of Jesus. Verses 2-4.

From Johns Gospel, as well as from Matthew and Mark we learn that definitely Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Simon the leper, as well as the disciples were there. However the implications are that there probably were other guests there as well that were appreciative of all that Jesus had done.

Now the point that I want to make from this is that the people that were there were exactly the people that should have been there. For all of these people, in one way or another, had been miraculously touched by Jesus. Therefore the people of God need to realize that they, very specifically, should come together for the purpose honoring Jesus. And if a stranger came to one of our church gatherings they should go away saying, "Boy, at that church they are bent toward honoring the name above every name, the name of Jesus Christ our Lord".

III. Third, lets notice what took place during dinner given in Jesus honor. Verses 3-8

Now first of all what took place was that obviously a meal was prepared and served in Jesus honor. So the way that Martha primarily showed her honor to Jesus was by serving the meal, and I'm sure that others must have been helping her as well.

However as we look at this event the meal was not the only way that honor was given to Jesus. For the greatest emphasis of the meal was not the meal itself but rather what took place after the meal had already been served. Which was Mary's anointing of Jesus with oil and perfume. She anointed His feet here in John's Gospel but in Matthews and Marks we are told that she also anointed His head. This anointing by Mary appears to be the greatest honor given during the whole event.

However, from the other Gospels, Judas as well as others that were at the dinner, believed that what Mary had done was the worst and most dishonoring thing done during the whole event.

But Jesus speaks up and shows Judas, as well as the other complainers, that their indignation against Mary is one hundred percent wrong. As a matter of fact He tells them to leave her alone and declares that what she's done, according to Matthew and Mark, was a beautiful thing, and will be spoken of down through the centuries, for the honor she gave, until Jesus comes again.

So why was her honor to Jesus so well defended by Jesus Himself? First because her act of honor was and extremely extravagant one. Both the jar and the perfume in it, which was used to anoint Jesus, were extremely valuable. As a matter of fact John tell us that it was so valuable that if sold it would have been enough to have paid workingman's wages for an entire year.

Second, Jesus defends her honor because it was an act of humility. She didn't use a rag to do the anointing of Jesus feet, rather she let her hair down and used it to wipe the expensive perfume upon His feet. In the past, when a woman let her hair down in public it was often seen to show that the lady was a harlot. Well Mary didn't do it for that reason. She did it to show; no matter what people thought, she loved Jesus and was going to honor Him even if it looked humiliating.

Third, it was defended by Jesus because her act of honor was one that recognized and honored His holy Word. For he declared that what she did was to prepare Him for His burial. Thus when He told them on at least three different occasions prior to this special meal in His honor, that he would be crucified and then three days later resurrected, she listened and believed what He said and was expressing her faith in His words.

So if we want to honor Jesus in the way Mary did then we need to be willing to be extravagant in our honor of Him. We need to be willing to humble ourselves in His presence, and we need to honor His Word by putting our faith in it. Like Mary our honor of Jesus must be one of unfettered love and devotion to Him. Jesus can never get too much of our honor no matter how much of it is.

VI. Fourth, Lets notice hoe the dinner honoring Jesus concluded. Verses 9-11

It concluded with the word getting out that a meal had been given in honor of Jesus and that He was there as well as Lazarus when Jesus resurrected him and it resulted in a large crowd showing up to see Jesus and Lazarus. So the point I want to make about this is that when the church is honoring Jesus in the manner done at this meal the Word will get out and it will help draw people in because they will want to see what Jesus has done in our lives. And nothing honors Jesus more that the saving of lost souls AMEN!

Conclusion:

Let us live the rest of our lives as though every moment of it that we are throwing Jesus a dinner in His honor.

Jesus Loves you!
Ralph Lee



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Shellem Cline Concert

Sunday, April 6th

A love offering will be taken up
at the end of the concert.

“State of the art! My congregation loved his music but it was the message from his testimony and the stories that got the hooked! He is the real deal! “ (Seth T. - Shelbyville, TN)

LET US COME BEFORE HIM WITH
THANKSGIVING AND EXTOL HIM
WITH MUSIC AND SONG.

Psalm 95:2 (NIV)

SHHHHH! It's a SURPRISE!

Please join us for a celebration honoring Rose Boyles's 100th birthday. Saturday, April 26th at Great Swamp Baptist Church, from 2:00 to 4:00. Please RSVP to Amanda at (843) 726-1573 by April 15th.



In lieu of gifts, please make a donation to the American Heart Association or any cancer research in honor of Rose.



Monday, April 7th-
Please treat yourself to a fabulous coffee or other treat at PJ's - 8026 East Main St. in Ridgeland. On that day, if let them know you love Step of Faith Academy, they will make a donation to our school!!



Showing: TBD
Sunday, April 27th
Concessions at 6:00 p.m.
Movie starts at 6:45 p.m.

Please bring finger foods for your family as well as to share with everyone else!
Tea and popcorn will be provided by the church.

SENIOR CELEBRATORS GROUP

30th Anniversary Celebrators Conference
October 13-16 in Pigeon Forge, TN
Please sign up on the back wall if interested in attending
and, if you have questions, please see Timmy Sauls.



David Jeremiah



Jonnie W.



Karen Peck and
New River



Charles
Billingsley



Mark Lowry



Phil
Waldrep

Sunday School Classes

Starting at 9:15 am

CAMO CLASS: Room 406 -- Leader: Bobby Smith

GLEANERS CLASS: Room 411 -- Leader: Darlene Bollack

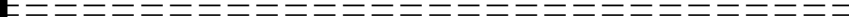
VISIONARIES CLASS: Room 413 - Leader: Greg Mariocourt

SOJOURNERS CLASS: Room 417 -- Leader: Mack Pope

YOUTH: Youth Annex

**BLUE ANGELS - 1ST & 2ND GRADES:
Room 412 -- Leader: Nicole Mauriocourt**

RAINBOW KIDS - 3RD GRADE AND OLDER -- Room 415



Tuesday Morning Prayer Meeting

*Breakfast begins at 9:00 am
Followed by the Prayer Meeting
Located in the Multi-Purpose Building*



Wednesday Night Services

@ 7:00 pm

**WORSHIP SERVICE Multi-Purpose Building
Leader - Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.**

YOUTH GROUP Youth Annex

**SWAMP KIDS Nursery Hall
Leader – Kim Malphrus**



WOMEN ON A MISSION OUTREACH

(formerly Grandmothers Group)

Easter meeting Monday, April 7th at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth house. Please bring dishes, desserts, etc. Drinks will be provided



**Operation
Christmas Child**

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Items for March are listed below. You can also give a monetary donation if you can't or don't want to shop. We have 750 boxes to fill. Thank you!

-Hats

-Gloves

-Matchbox Cars

-Tennis Balls

-Toothbrushes



<i>Friday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Nancy Rivera</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Mike Davis</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>Erma Cooler</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>Emma Meador</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>19th</i>	<i>Lisa Cartin Chandler</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Rose Boyles</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Nicole Mauricourt</i>



April Anniverseries:

- 2nd* *Mike and Wanda Davis*
- 6th* *Charles and Bernice Malphrus*
- 18th* *Mike and Melina Ingram*
- 19th* *Keith and Joyce Gamo*



Notes



Wednesday Night Supper

Meals served from
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
\$5.00 per person or
\$15.00 per family of four or more.
No meal deliveries.



Sunday Morning Breakfast

Breakfast will be served
from 8:30 a.m. to
9:00 a.m.
\$5.00 per person or
\$15.00 per family of
four or more.

GSBC Prayer Page

Church Leadership

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries
Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Deacons
Youth Program*

Leadership

*President / Vice President of
the United States of America*

Nursing Centers

*Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at
South Pointe
Tommy & Erma Cooler -
Ridgeland Nursing Home
David Sauls - Florence Place
Assisted Living
Doby Cleland - Life Care
Center of HHI*

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton - Deployed
Matthew Mills, USMC- Okinawa, Japan
Jericho Malphrus, Sp. Agent/USAF -
Pinehurst, NC.
Andrea C. Daring - Charleston, SC
Schuyler Johnson - USMC Basic Training*

Health Needs

*Ralph Lee
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Arthur Pearson
Earl Dean Pope
Rachel Mixon
Maria Coles' Brother
Sydney Bess*

Cancer

*Revel Crosby - 4 years old
(Leukemia)
Ken Lawler
Rachel Vaughn
Ella Gourlay - 10 years old
(Leukemia)
Paul Holmes - stage 4 cancer
In Hospital
Michelle Ashley- Trident
Donnie Smith
Randy Floyd
Earl Pope Sr.*

Bereavement

Unspoken

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

*Rose Boyles
Judy Smith
Barbara Mills
Kenny Smith
Shirley Malphrus
Tom Hinely
Ann Blocker
Red & Helen Malphrus
Diane Hannah
Ann Long
Donald Malphrus*

Deacon
Meeting

**Monday, April 5th at
6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 7th at
7:00 p.m.**

**Church
BUSINESS
Meeting**



**Pray for the
North American
Missions
and the Annie
Armstrong
Easter Offering**

Stewardship

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus / Deficit
	<i>\$3859.00</i>	<i>\$5,172.63</i>	<i>\$-1313.63</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>		
Designated Funds			Acct. Balances
Annie Armstrong	\$446.00		\$635.00



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Sunday School.....9:15AM
Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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