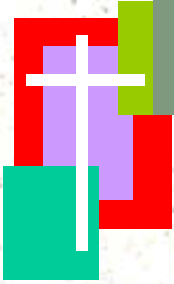


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The Amazing Jesus

By Steven Chan



When Jesus was twelve years old, His parents took Him with them to Jerusalem – where they somehow became separated but after three days they “found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both hearing them, and asking them questions: and all that heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.” (Luke 2:42-47)

From a child, Jesus already demonstrated His amazing understanding and answers to questions posed to him by the teachers in the temple.

To the young preacher, Timothy, the apostle Paul exhorted in 1 Tim 4:11-16: “These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. .. Meditate on these things;

give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.”

Youth are usually not looked upon for guidance or as role models. So, when a young person exhibits deep understanding and answers to questions posed by trained and experienced teachers, it will inevitably cause the people to be astonished and amazed with such outstanding qualities. Jesus as a young twelve year old already showed that he was an extraordinary person. In other words, He did not acquire His special knowledge from other teachers but from God directly: “For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.”(John 17:8)

Today, Christian youths are exhorted to be examples to all in every aspect of their lives: “in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity” and to “give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. .. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine.”

When Christian youths exhibit the

Sermons in April:

- THOU HAST HOLDEN MY RIGHT HAND- STEVEN CHAN
- FROM SURVIVAL TO VICTORY - ENG KIM LENG
- HEART OF COMPASSION - KOAY CHUAN LEK
- WORK AS FOR THE LORD - QUAY CHEW SOON

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Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts. (Ps 119:97-100)

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same qualities that Paul exhorted and as exemplified by Jesus Himself, people will be amazed and will want to listen to these youths!

The Bible records the incredible drawing power of the teaching of Jesus:-

“And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes” (Mark 1:22)

“And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.” (Matt 7:28-29)

“Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there. And when He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, “Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?”(Matt 13:53-54)

“Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him?” The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!”(John 7:45-46)

“So they came to Jerusalem. And Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He would not

allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. Then He taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’” And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching.”(Mark 11:15-18)

What drew the people to the teaching of Jesus was the fact that He “taught with authority and wisdom” – unlike the scribes or teachers of their day.

The reason for the teaching of Jesus being “authoritative and full of wisdom” was because His teaching was from the Father: “Now it came to pass, while the multitude pressed upon him and heard the word of God” (Luke 5:1). He was teaching the Word of God – and not some human philosophy or theology.

“Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marveled, saying, “How does this Man know letters, having never studied?” Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.” (John 7:14-17)

The Psalmist from long

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ago testified thus in Psalms 119:97-100: “Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts.”

God’s Word will provide more understanding than one can get from anyone else or from any other source, as well as make one wiser than our opponents. But we need to meditate on the Word of God – ie. to think deeply about God’s word and not merely cursorily look through the Scriptures, as well as to be guided by it in our lives.

Some of us or our youths wonder why their friends are not interested in listening to them about the gospel or about the church that Jesus died to purchase. Could it be because they do not hear from our youths anything that is of interest to them as it does not reflect authoritative teaching and wisdom from above?

The people listened to Jesus gladly: “But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him, and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.”(Luke 19:47-48).

In Matt. 22:28-34, when questioned by the Saddu-

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Our Visitors and Visiting Brethren



VISITORS

26 March 2010

- Ong Jae Wen (Friend of Tan Ern Shern)

28 March 2010

- Ong Jae Wen (Friend of Tan Ern Shern)
- Chan Siew Meng (Richard Lim)
- Dr & Mrs Cheong Wen Hoon (Chuan Lek)
- KC Chia (Ng Yeow Kong)

- Michael Ng
- Vincent Paul, Vneetha & Aaron

VISITING BRETHREN

- Oh Boon Chin (K Kemuning)
- Dr Mark Lim & family (Sect 17, PJ)
- Koay Chiang Ling (Kuching)
- Jim Tan & family (Hong Kong)



Services This Week (April 4, 2010)

Bible Class

Lesson: Defining the Kingdom of Heaven
Teacher: Adrian Koay

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Building Blocks of Faith
Teacher: Steven Chan

Worship

Lesson: Thou hast Holden My Right Hand (Ps 73:23)
Preacher: Steven Chan

Floral Display Koay Chai Bee

Helpers

Communion: Heng Hui Teng & Lim Ai Kee

Statistics for week March 26 - 28, 2010

Friday Bible Class Attendance	-	55
Sunday Bible Class	-	78
Sunday School		
Teachers	-	5
Students	-	105
Sunday English Worship	-	104
Children in attendance	-	29
Mandarin Worship	-	16
TOTAL SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	-	149

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim 2:15)

Services Next Week (April 11, 2010)

Bible Class

Lesson: Parables of Jesus - The Sower (The Four Soils)
Teacher: Leow Yew Chong

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Building Blocks of Faith
Teacher: Steven Chan

Worship

Lesson: From Survival to Victory
Preacher: Eng Kim Leng

Floral Display Lai Cheng See

Helpers

Communion: Sherlyn Ho & Margaret Khoo

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Bro CK Lee and Sis Moy Chee as CK's eldest sister, Janet, was baptized last Thursday night in Jurong, Singapore, following studies with Bro Goh Leong Chuan. Bro CK has been unwavering in his efforts to reach out to all his siblings. We are much encouraged by his fine example.



AWAY

- Bro Richard Lim is worshipping with the brethren in Kuala Lumpur where he is scheduled to teach the Bible Class and preach during the Worship hour.



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Inter-congregational Church Camp

Higher Ground

Speaker: Bro Charlie DiPalma

7-9 June 2010 at Genting View Resort
For details: Richard Lim, Klang CoC

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cees about the resurrection (because they did not believe that there will be a resurrection), His answer was such that "when the multitudes heard it, they were astonished at his teaching and the Sadducees were silenced".

We need to speak and teach like Jesus – and in order for us to do that we must speak as the oracles of God: "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11). In declaring the Word of God, we should adopt the same attitude as the apostle Paul who said: "And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. ...And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." (1 Cor 2:1,4).

Brethren, when we regain our ability to speak as the oracles of God, then people will be attentive to our preaching again. Over the years, many have strayed away from the old paths of speaking where the Bible speaks and being silent where the Bible is silent. Isa 8:20: "To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." We need to go back to the Bible for it all. May all of us and especially our youths rise to the challenge to be exemplary in teaching and godly conduct! – then people will marvel at the wisdom of God being shared through us all.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Bro Yeow Kong's elder brother, **Ng Yew Chey**, who hurt when he fell from his motorcycle recently.
- Bro CK Lee's 92 year old mother who has not well. She is a member of the church in Malacca.
- Bro Joseph Lee's mother, Lily, who is recovering from a recent operation in Perth
- **Sis Sherlyn Ho** that she may continue to have good health.
- **Sis Joyce Gomez** and **Sis Donna Campbell** to recover completely.
- **Vneetha** who has not been well for the last three weeks.



Speak where the Bible speaks. Be silent where the Bible is silent.

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The Klang Church of Christ seeks to glorify its Founder and Head, Jesus Christ (Matt 16:18; Col 1:18), by proclaiming salvation on the same terms stated by Jesus in Mark 16:16: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved".

Having been born again (John 3:3-5) through baptism in water (Titus 3:5; Eph 5:26; 1 Pet 3:21; Rom 6:3-5), we acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus, that "Christ lives in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God" (Gal 2:20). Thus, like the apostle Paul we can say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13).

We appeal to all believers to be united in love as desired by the Lord (John 17:20-23; 13:34,35) and that all may "speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among us, but that we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (1 Cor 1:10).

Denominationalism does not feature in God's plan. We urge all to leave denominationalism and to be united in One Body (Eph 2:15-17) on the basis of what the Bible says (and to leave aside the teachings and traditions that are man-made as these are the cause of division among believers). "The churches of Christ greet you". (Rom 16:16)

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Evangelism Seminar

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9.00 am - 1.00 pm, May 1, 2010
Subang Jaya church of Christ