

The Carpenter's Christian Church
Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

Scriptures and Questions for Reflection:

Scripture: Genesis 2: 9 & 16 – 17

- Why do you think God placed the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the garden?
- Describe what changed after Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit. How did this create a dilemma for mankind?

Scripture: 1 Peter 1: 20;

- What does it mean to say that God chose Jesus as a ransom before the world began?

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2: 7 ; Ephesians 3: 9

- Explain how God foreshadowed His plan of redemption during Old Testament times before it was fully revealed?

Scripture: Galatians 4: 4 – 5

- What does this text reveal about Jesus' characteristics and mission during His first coming?

Scripture: Explain what each of the prophecies below foretold about the Messiah.

- Isaiah 7: 14; Micah 5: 2; Daniel 9: 24 – 27; Isaiah 35: 5 – 6; Isaiah 53: 5; Psalm 16: 10

Scripture: Acts 10: 42 – 43; Matthew 16: 13 - 15

- Explain why the doctrine of Jesus as the Messiah is important.

Notes:

“Messiah: The Christ”

- I. Mankind's dilemma...
 - a. Two trees that represented two _____ man could make.
 - b. When Adam & Eve ate the forbidden fruit, _____ the world.
 - c. Man was _____ from God.

- II. God's solution...
 - a. God had a _____ of _____ even before the creation of the world.
 - b. God's plan remained _____ in a bit of _____ for centuries.
 - c. The apostles showed people how Jesus was the _____ of the _____ regarding the Messiah.

- III. The grand reveal...
 - a. God had a plan to enable us to _____ the Messiah when He arrived.
 - b. There are around _____ prophecies pertaining to the Messiah's birth.
 - c. The fact that Jesus is Messiah is the _____ of the _____.

Notes:

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Announcements:

Today - Greg and John invite you to join them today if you're interested in learning more about our church, what we believe, and how you can get plugged in. The December Next Steps class meets today at 10 AM in Room A- 1.

Monday, Dec 4 -- Dolls of Hope meet at 10 AM in the gym.

Friday, Dec 8 & Saturday, Dec. 9 – Annual Christmas drama and musical at 6:30 PM each night.

Saturday, Dec. 9 – Women's Christmas Brunch at 11 AM in the gym.

Next Sunday, Dec. 10 – Join us for Christmas caroling in our local extended care facilities. We will meet in the Student Worship Center. Sign up in the lobby to reserve a spot on the bus. If we have more than 25, others can drive their own cars and join us. The bus will leave the church at 5:30 PM.

Facts & Figures from last week:

Sunday AM worship

1st service attendance – 290

2nd service attendance – 553

Total in-person -- 843

Online -- 126

Total attendance - 969

Baptisms -- 4

Offering

Weekly budget need - \$21,285

Offering -- \$13, 953

Discipleship

Sunday school - 183

Adult LIFE groups - 132

Team Kid / students -- 286

Men of Courage -- N/A

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