

The Man Who Changed The World

Speaking Truth by Clint Decker  
Clay Center, Kansas – Johannes Gutenberg, a German inventor, built a printing press in the mid-1400s that historians say brought about an "information age." In 1455 he printed Europe's first-ever book, a Bible. The printing press changed the world.

The United States Constitution was adopted on September 17, 1787, and provided a unique system of government unknown to any nation on earth. The opening lines of the constitution state, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." The founding of the United States changed the world.

Though these are consequential events in world history, neither has impacted humankind like the incarnation and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. He did not just change the world, He altered history, has caused the rise and fall of nations and effected the eternal existence of billions of souls.

The incarnation of Jesus occurred in Israel between

6 and 4 B.C. According to Webster's dictionary, incarnation is a word that describes "the embodiment of a deity or spirit in some earthly form." In particular, it refers to the birth of Christ, when the Lord God took on human form and became one of us. This is called the Doctrine of the Incarnation. It is said of Jesus "...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) The incarnation is the moment in history when the God who made the heavens and the earth, made Himself a simple and normal looking man who came to live among us, in order to reveal who He is and deliver the world's most important message directly to us.

The resurrection of Jesus took place outside of Jerusalem about 33 A.D. Before this miracle, day's earlier Jesus was arrested and tried by authorities on false charges of blasphemy. The high priest demanded of Him saying, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." (Matthew 26:63) When Jesus told them the truth, they responded with rage, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy." (Matt. 26:64), Subsequently they immedi-

ately ordered the sentence of death upon Him. The day of Jesus' crucifixion, history records as Good Friday, where He died a sacrificial death for the sins of all humanity; past, present and future. Then for three days He lay in a borrowed tomb. But early on Sunday morning, history's most renowned miracle took place. Jesus had risen Himself from the dead and walked out of His tomb. He is alive and still is today!

Why is Jesus' incarnation and resurrection the most monumental events in world history? Why is Jesus the most significant person to ever walk the earth? Jesus own words confidently and boldly state why, because "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6).

Jesus declared He is the way. All mankind is searching for meaning, purpose and direction. Jesus says to the whole world, "Come, follow me."

Jesus declared He is the truth. Everyone longs to know what is right and wrong and how to live a life free from guilt and shame. Jesus is the standard for truth, balancing the scales of justice and raising up high the banner for holiness in an unholy and evil world.

Jesus declared He is the life. Every man and woman hungers for the intangible things that money, power and success can never buy – life, real life. Jesus proved He is the source and giver of real and lasting life.

A prayer for you – Lord God, help us to see Jesus as more than a good man. More than a moral teacher. Let us see Him as the Son of the living God who died and rose again that we might have new life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Museum Minute

The Neodesha Historical Museum is snow open

The museum will be open on Fridays from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Saturdays from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Come visit and see all the new exhibits.

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- Charles Snyder 20.38, 5 - 200 Meter Dash: 5 - Charles Snyder 27.7
- Ben Waggoner 20.67 5 - Charles Snyder 27.7
- 100 Meter Dash: 2 - Charles Snyder 13.26, 5 - Colton Serivner 13.98, 9 - Mason Alumbaugh 14.36
- 8 - Mason Alumbaugh 29.21
- 800 Sprint Medley: 4 - Mason Alumbaugh, Aaron Kissel, Marcus Fetty and Ben Waggoner 2:10.05
- 7th grade girls team results: 1) Sedan Junior High 2) Caney Valley Jr High 3) Baxter Springs Middle 4) Galesburg Middle School 5) Eureka Junior High 6) Fredonia Middle School 7) Neodesha Middle School
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FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	EXPENSES	REVENUES	CHANGE IN LIABILITY	ENDING BALANCE
GENERAL	149,201.06	792,013.84	829,461.53	1,249.24	185,399.51
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	218,695.59	0.00	14,700.54	0.00	233,396.13
SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION	29,801.40	7,426.99	1,376.67	0.00	23,751.08
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	50,108.67	9,211.55	28,117.64	18,000.00	51,014.76
SWIMMING POOL BOND PMT	46,362.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	46,362.71
WMC BOND PAYMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TORT LIABILITY	43,815.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,815.75
POLICE SUBSTATION	17,068.95	921.78	0.00	0.00	16,147.17
NORMAN NO 1 MUSEUM	5,637.85	375.00	1,618.00	0.00	6,880.85
LIBRARY	8,872.41	53,333.70	58,258.84	0.00	13,797.55
DRUG SEIZURE FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS	57,162.52	170,011.14	176,451.17	0.00	63,602.55
TAX SEIZURE FUNDS	5,451.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,451.16
SPEC SALES TAX-INFRASTRUCTURE	849,719.35	11,017.73	105,275.79	0.00	943,977.41
NEODESHA LAND BANK	39,124.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	39,074.00
EMS SALES TAX	66,112.33	29,192.12	0.00	0.00	36,920.21
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	2,415.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,415.74
NPD CHRISTMAS FUND	507.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	507.87
CHILD SAFETY COUNCIL	1,155.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,155.00
UNION PACIFIC GAS LINE	282,872.50	83,654.00	0.00	0.00	199,218.50
WATER BOND & INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIRE INSURANCE PROCEEDS	4,517.98	5,007.14	5,007.97	0.00	4,518.81
CDBG ECONOMIC DEV GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RAW WATER PROJECT BOND	717,389.73	0.00	884.81	0.00	718,274.54
UNAPPLIED CREDITS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W GRANBY BUSINESS PARK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CDBG GAS PROJECT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
POLICE STATION BLDG PROJ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ARPA FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OPIOD CRISIS	13,587.14	0.00	334.15	0.00	13,921.29
PATHWAYS GRANT	1,123.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,123.29
RIVERWALK PARK	1,255.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,255.00
WELCOME SIGN	3,777.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,777.00
GAS	2,622.26	567,256.37	1,264,991.44	170.00	700,187.33
WATER	380,098.89	130,575.81	202,048.17	3,155.00	448,416.25
ELECTRIC	364,035.84	795,301.26	1,076,288.64	-150.00	645,173.22
SEWER	107,473.90	61,670.78	127,628.79	1,000.00	172,431.91
SOLID WASTE	74,308.20	63,541.96	56,544.59	0.00	67,310.83
STORM WATER	94,278.01	0.00	11,854.33	0.00	106,132.34
GAS UTILITY RESERVE	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00
WATER UTILITY RESERVE	45,924.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,924.00
ELECTRIC UTILITY RESERVE	525,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	525,000.00
SEWER UTILITY RESERVE	120,559.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	120,559.57
SOLID WASTE UTILITY RESERVE	118,259.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	118,259.00
STORM WATER UTILITY RESERVE	89,891.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	89,891.00
EMERGENCY EQUIP RESERVE	101,505.66	0.00	125.20	0.00	101,630.86
EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	19,380.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,380.81
SALES TAX	-23,825.82	87,766.44	85,468.50	0.00	-26,123.76
PETTY CASH	969.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	969.65
REPORT TOTAL	5,136,215.97	2,868,327.61	4,046,436.77	23,424.24	6,290,900.89
			CHECKING-BOC		5,946,278.62
			CD'S - EQUITY BANK		102,320.42
			CD'S - CNB		200,000.00
			CD'S - BOC		200,000.00
			CASH ON HAND		500.00
			TRANSIT ITEMS		-158,198.15
					6,290,900.89

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Today Word

Purpose

By Charles Rice, Bethel Church of God

God has a purpose for each of us. Some of us have been called to his Son, Jesus, perhaps much like Judas was called to be a disciple. Remember that Jesus chose Judas and Jesus knew from the beginning what Judas was going to do. There were no surprises here. It had to be that way for the prophecies to be fulfilled. Notice in Matthew 27 that when Judas realized his sin, he was filled with remorse. He confessed his sin! Today, we call that behavior "repentance."

When we come to the point where we see our sins and are filled with remorse we confess that Jesus is Lord and are forgiven. Believe it or not Judas was saved by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus died on the cross for all mankind. That sacrifice included Judas and every other human being who ever lived or ever will live. Does that mean that Judas went to Heaven when he hung himself? Does his repentance mean that Judas now has eternal life? Well, those are issues that only Jesus is qualified to judge.

It is fascinating to look at the relationship Judas had with the other disciples. Judas really looked good; he was on the ministry team. For well over three years he walked with them, ate with them, fellow shipped with them, heard the same sermons and they never had a clue that he was a thief (John 12:6) or that he was going to betray Jesus. But, then again, I doubt that anyone except Jesus thought Peter would deny his Lord and Savior.

My friend, the point is this: there is no need for you to go out and hang yourself, like Judas did. Repent of you sins, ask for forgiveness, be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit and eternal life. No matter what sins you may have committed, they are forgiven and covered by the shed blood of Jesus Christ when you repent.

The parables of the tares amongst the wheat and the separation of the sheep from the goats which Jesus shared should remind each of us that we are not just here to "look" good. We have been called to Jesus Christ to bear fruit and carry on His life and His work in this world. Yet, I wonder at just how easy it might be to look really good in the eyes of the world and still betray a Savior who loves us and gave his life for us.

Let me leave you with some food for thought from 2 Peter 1:10 (NLT) "So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away." You see, you may be able to fool others and even fool yourself, but God knows your heart and your intent. Still Jesus has a purpose for your life. Will you make the most of it?

Bible Trivia

1. For what city are God's people to pray? Jerusalem, Rome, Shiloh
2. What does the word "Golgotha" mean? City of bread, let him be accursed, the place of a skull
3. Fill in the blank: "All the labor of man is for his \_\_\_\_\_, and yet the appetite is not filled." Children, life, mouth
4. Which one of these men does the Bible say grew up to become a mighty warrior on the earth? Ham, Nimrod, Seba
5. Who was told to make "bonds and yokes" and to put them upon his neck? Ezekiel, Hosea, Jeremiah

Answers: 1. Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6), 2. The place of a skull (Mark 15:22), 3. Mouth (Ecclesiastes 6:7), 4. Nimrod (1 Chronicles 1:10), 5. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 27:1-2)



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