

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 A.M.

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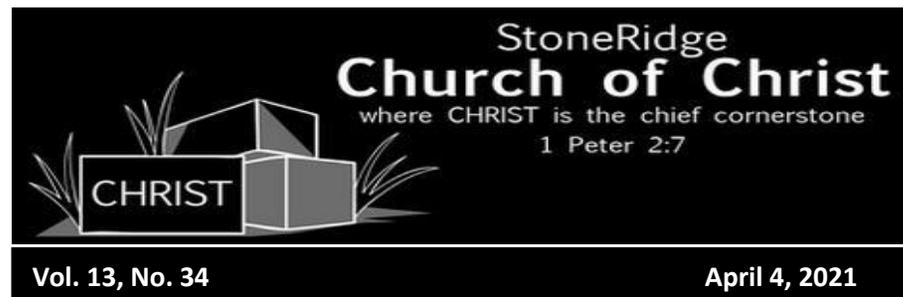
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The Jerusalem Rooster

Perhaps each person experiences that “one moment in time,” that moment of truth when he sees himself in reality, just as God sees him. This happened to several men in the Bible. Let’s notice some.

PETER. Peter denied that he would deny the Lord, even if everyone else did and even if it meant his own death (Mk.14:29-31). That “one moment in time” that piercing moment, for Peter was when the rooster crowed and everything came rushing home to him of how the Lord had told him that “before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” When the rooster did crow the second time, “the Lord turned and looked upon Peter.” This was the point at which Peter went out and wept bitterly (Lk.22:60-62).

KING AGRIPPA. Paul rehearsed the account of his conversion when he appeared in chains before the king. As Paul had changed his mind about Jesus, he hoped Agrippa and his companions would put themselves in Paul’s place and draw the same conclusions. He showed how Jesus fulfilled what Moses and the prophets had said, including his resurrection and that the gospel was for both Jews and Gentiles.

Governor Festus loudly interrupted and accused Paul of being out of his mind (Gk. “mania”). Paul flatly denied it and replied in the king’s hearing that he was confident the king was keenly aware of the truth for “these things were not done in a corner.” Agrippa wasn’t ignorant about the situation. His head hadn’t been buried in the sand, for Inspiration has Paul calling Agrippa an expert in all customs and questions among the Jews and saying to him, “I know that you believe” (Acts 26:5,27). Paul pressed him for a commitment and Agrippa felt the power of Paul’s persuasiveness. Agrippa didn’t deny that he believed. In fact he

admitted the truth of all Paul had said when he responded, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

Agrippa's declaration of Paul's innocence and that Paul should have been set free is an admission that Paul spoke the truth and that Agrippa believed it. The king felt the heat when he clearly saw the truth and jumped up immediately and withdrew himself from the situation. This was Agrippa's "one moment in time" – his Jerusalem Rooster.

THE PRODIGAL SON. This son wasted his total inheritance on self-indulgence (Lk.15:13,14). When he sank so low that he coveted to eat with swine, which were literally and ceremonially unclean, he "came to himself." This was his moment of truth – his Jerusalem Rooster. He had to make a serious and critical decision.

OTHERS. There were others in Scripture who had their "Jerusalem Rooster." Naaman heard it when confronted by his servants (2 Kgs.5:13-15); David, when confronted by Nathan the prophet (2 Sam.12); Simon the Pharisee when confronted by Jesus (Lk.7:36f); the people on Pentecost when confronted by Peter and were "pricked in their hearts" (Acts 2:36-41).

CONCLUSION: Your "Jerusalem Rooster" is a critical time. Some responded favorably while others did not. If one's "Jerusalem Rooster" results in turning to the Lord it could be his best "moment in time."

Has the rooster crowed in your life? -db (reprint)

They Ran!

It's hard to be a runner when you don't have motivation. The great runners in the Olympics are motivated and disciplined. They long to win a gold medal and be honored by the world and for their nation. Anything that causes people to run deserves our interest. When one is willing to exert the energy and hastens to get to his destination, he is sending a message: **Urgency!** Consider three instances in the NT:

THE DISCIPLES (Mt.28:8). These were the two Marys who ran to bring the other disciples word of the resurrection of Jesus. They couldn't wait! Do you feel that sense of urgency to proclaim the gospel of Christ?

THE RICH YOUNG RULER (Mk.10:17-22). Here was a man with the most important question that a person can ask: "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He was running to Jesus – the only one with the answer! How interested are you in that question? Are you willing to do whatever it takes to find out? How urgent is it that you learn the answer?

PHILIP (Acts 8:30). Philip had been sent to meet the treasurer of Ethiopia and preach Jesus unto him. If Philip had not run we might never have known of this beautiful account of conversion. He felt an urgency because here was someone interested in understanding the Scriptures! Do we feel the urgency that Philip felt?

Do we need to recapture this sense of urgency? ***We sure do!*** Let's make sure we're running with the Lord. *-db*

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. **Michael Cureton** made a trip to the ER recently and should receive some test results soon...**Freddy Horton** has still been dealing with health issues and **Virginia Bishop** continues to have health challenges....Pray for all of these **Shutins:** **Beverly Allen** is confined at home...**Charles Bradsher** is at St. Elizabeth's Place...**Gail Brooks** has been unable to assemble...**Shirley Coots** is confined at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home...**Elizabeth Keller** is at The Springs Nursing Home. **Editha Kern** is at Liberty Park Assisted Living....We're glad **Bob** and **Jean Evans** have been able to come to services recently.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 4-9, 2021 – STONERIDGE! – Mickey Galloway

October 3-8 – STONERIDGE! – Wayne Fancher

NOTE: Gary Jones new phone number is: 870-351-3817.



May the best day of your past be the worst day of your future.

TRY TO COME EVERY NIGHT TO OUR GOSPEL MEETING!

If you live for the next world, you get this one in the deal; but if you live only for this world, you lose them both.

