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Seasons Greetings Beginning 50 Years

THANK YOU for your faithful gifts and prayers throughout this past year. THANK YOU for standing with us as we began our 50th year of broadcasting November 19th with a celebration at the Allensburg Church of Christ at 1:30. It's been a difficult year with Ed's extended stay in the hospital and finally passing away May 16, 2011. Along with my two children, Eric and Melanie, and the trustees, and 3 part-time workers we plan to KEEP ON KEEPING ON with the GIJAPA broadcasts. We can't carry on this monumental work with a budget of over half million dollars WITHOUT YOUR HELP! We have 5 years of sermons that Ed recorded before he got sick, we plan to use them and start over with the two previous years recordings - 2009 and 2010. Have a happy holiday and remember that it's Jesus' birthday we're celebrating and that's the reason for the GIJAPA broadcast not only the birth of Jesus but His death, burial and resurrection every Lord's Day.

Ed recording in 1962 on real to real for WCKY.



Ed recording 2011 at home for current radio stations.



UNDER THE TREE HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS

December the twenty-fifth is the birthday of the Lord. It should not be necessary but it needs to be pointed out that we don't know what day the Lord was born. He didn't tell us in His word. But He was born and it might as well have been December the 25th as any other day of the year. People usually receive gifts on their birthday so we need to give the Lord a gift on His birthday. Then there is an additional element when we think of Christmas - there is the matter of the tree. If you are going to give a gift to the Lord on His birthday, put the present under the tree. Put it under the tree that Peter talked about. Peter said in Acts the fifth chapter, "whom also they slew hanging Him on a tree." Paul said in Galatians the third chapter in speaking of the crucifixion, "Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree." You see, the real TREE is the CROSS. Personally I can think of no better way to celebrate the birthday of the Lord than by placing a generous check at the foot of the cross. Sending that check to the GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY radio broadcast is one way to put your present under the tree, and know exactly where it's going, because you can listen every Sunday and 24/7 at www.gijapa.org.

THE BOY JESUS

Sermon by Ed Bousman

Ladies and Gentlemen, listen to this unbelievable statement, "The Boy Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and His parents knew it not; but supposing Him to be in the company, they went a day's journey and sought for Him among their kinfolk and acquaintance: and when they found Him not, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking for Him." Now that is a new twist to our usual view of Jesus. Jesus was lost, and they were trying to find Him. We usually think of it the other way around. Mankind is lost, but here it is Jesus who is lost. They were looking for the lost Jesus, and found Him after three days in the temple at Jerusalem, sitting in the midst of the doctors both hearing them, and asking them questions. Many like Mary have lost Jesus. Go back to Jerusalem where you lost Him; you will find Him in the Word of God. The story of the losing of the Boy Jesus involves the sword that was promised by Simeon.

THE SWORD

When Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple at eight days old for circumcision there was an old man named Simeon who had been told he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ. He took Jesus into his arms and blessed Him and said, "Now Lord, lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." Think of that. He said, "Now that I have seen Jesus; I am ready to die." Any person who has met Jesus is ready to die. You may be twenty years old, or eighty years old, but if you have met the Lord you are ready to die. Without meeting Jesus you will never be ready to die. After this he told Mary, because of this child a sword would

pierce her own soul. This no doubt was a reference to the crucifixion of Jesus, but there were other times when she felt the point of that sword.

Now about this event when the Boy Jesus was found, Mary, His mother, told Him, "Behold Thy father and I sought Thee sorrowing." Think of any parents today taking a child to a large gathering and then to have that child disappear in the crowd. Every minute seems like a year. Every hour feels like a decade. Then add to this the fact that Mary has lost the Christ Child. How can she explain this to God? It is all my fault; I have failed in this great God-given responsibility. I have known a lot of people who have known the Lord, and lost Him and it never seems to bother them. It bothered Mary, and it ought to bother anyone who has not found Christ. Maybe Mary did not expect anything like this to happen. Had she not been told that Jesus would be called the Son of the Most High God? Surely everything would fall into place. No such trouble as this would ever arise. But Mary, like the rest of us, would learn that living in the center of God's will, does not preclude life's problems. Mary did not have complete knowledge about Jesus. He said to her, "Did you not know that I would be in My Father's House?" Why would God let her have such worries? If God had kept all of His servants in the Bible free from all troubles and the woes of this life, then we would be in despair. We would think something is wrong with us. If the Apostles had never been beaten and put in jail, suffered injustice, as well as disease, they could never be role-models for us. These people of the Word of God, including Mary the mother of Jesus, were flesh and blood people just like us. They were susceptible to disease and the same temptations, and privations that we are subject to. We can be glad that Mary had sorrow and was tried because the same thing can happen to us.

We need to honor Mary the mother of Jesus. She had the greatest honor bestowed on her, but she was not perfect. In Mary's own words she said, "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior." She needed a Savior just as much as anyone else. It is a great thing to give all honors to this chosen vessel of God, but let us remember she is the mother of the humanity of Jesus. God was the Father of His divinity. According to Luke 1:35; And the angel Gabriel said unto her, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: wherefore also the holy thing which is begotten shall be called the Son of God." Then at His baptism according to Matthew 3:17: And lo a voice out of heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." As far as losing Jesus was concerned it was natural to think that He was in the company. Jesus was not really lost, He knew where He was, but they didn't. She had not done anything wrong, but the Devil made her think she had. This is one of the favorite devices of the Devil. The Devil makes the child of God think, "How do I know God will accept me on the Judgment Day?" You may get sick, or in some way come face to face with your mortality and you are plagued with that thought, "Will Jesus really accept me when I die?" It takes a person of strong faith to endure such sledge-hammer blows from the Devil. But then again the Devil also works the same scheme from another angle. A child of God

gets indifferent and lives in a way incompatible to the Christian lifestyle and indulges in all manner of wishful thinking about grace. He assumes that grace will cover him regardless of what he does. Like Paul asked the Romans, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid." Some people assume that God is good, so go ahead and do as you please, grace will cover everything. That is why I feel a little uneasy when I hear people sing that great gospel song, "Amazing Grace." I always wonder, what grace are they singing about? Is it the real grace of God, or is it that cheap sickly sentimental grace that covers any and everything in an unrepentant, do-whatever-you-will lifestyle? And now this event concerning the Boy Jesus not only involves the sword, but also a great supposition. Now let's consider the supposition.

THE SUPPOSITION

Supposing Him to be in the company they went a days journey; and they sought for Him among their kinfolk and acquaintances: and when they found Him not, they returned to Jerusalem seeking for Him. She based her watch-care over Him on a supposition. She supposed that He was in the caravan returning to Nazareth, but He was not with them. It is always a mistake to base our faith in Jesus on the sandy foundation of our supposition. It is your soul. Eternity is long. You cannot afford to suppose anything. Your faith needs the firm foundation of the Word of God. Almost everyone who is a member of a Church of any kind is acquainted with a preacher, or priest. Remember, Mary supposed that Jesus was among the acquaintances. He was not there. Why should anyone base their salvation or take the word of a preacher or a priest of their acquaintance regarding their salvation? Personally, I would like to read it for myself. I trust the Word of God, but I cannot always be sure about the word of acquaintances.

She not only supposed He was with the acquaintances, but she supposed Him to be with the kinfolk. Many today make this mistake. They suppose that Jesus can be found in the religion of their parents, and sometimes it can. But in this case, Jesus was nowhere to be found in the rest of the family. What a shock that was. It is indeed a difficult situation. Suppose a person is born into a family and their parents belong to a church; it is easy to suppose what their parents believe is right.

Remember, Jesus said, "Whosoever loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me." That statement of the Lord must have been included in the Word of God as a warning to all who place the faith of our fathers above the Word of God.

She supposed Him to be among the acquaintances and the kinfolk, and He was not. Then she also supposed Him to be in the company. These trips to Jerusalem started out small and the crowd increased as they went along. A caravan would feel safe in traveling through Samaritan territory. A smaller group might go a day's journey around Samaria, but a large group like this could safely go through. It was comforting to Mary when she supposed Him to be in the company. There is safety in numbers.

This is a great temptation today. Everybody knows that the more people you have in a denomination proves they

are right in whatever they believe. If a denomination numbers about three million, that much flesh and blood cannot be wrong. Only a bigot would suggest otherwise. Each member can boast they know they are right because flesh and blood has revealed it unto them. It is easy to believe the bigger the congregation numbers in attendance the closer to God they are, and anyone who disagrees with that is just jealous that they are not successful also. It was a big crowd that was making the trip back to Nazareth, but Jesus was not with them even though they supposed He had to be with such a large number.

There are others who suppose that all is well with their relationship with the Lord Jesus on the basis that they suppose the love of God will keep everyone out of Hell. Actually that is why Jesus died in the first place. He wants to keep us from going to such a place. Jesus had more to say about Hell than anyone else in the Bible, but they still suppose that such ideas come from what they call hell-fire and brimstone preachers. I always remind people that I got my ideas about Hell from Jesus. He had more to say about Hell than anybody. There are also a lot of people who suppose they are good enough without Jesus. They can go it on their own. The Word of God makes no such supposition. She supposed Him to be in the company of kinfolk and acquaintances, and He was in neither group.

When it comes to suppositions, the most horrible supposition of all is this supposition. Just suppose all of your suppositions are wrong when the Lord returns. Apparently such will be the case according to the Sermon on the Mount. Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophecy in Thy name and by Thy name cast out demons and do many mighty works in Thy name?" And then will I profess unto them, "I never knew you; depart from Me ye workers of iniquity." That will be the end of all suppositions. The story of the Boy Jesus includes the Sword and the Supposition, and then it also includes the element of Seeking.

SEEKING FOR JESUS

And when they found Him not, they returned to Jerusalem seeking for Him. And it came to pass after three days they found Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the doctors both hearing them and asking them questions. The temple was destroyed in seventy AD. The temple today is the Christian. Paul tells us in Corinthians, "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?" The Christians that compose the Church is the Temple of God. Paul tells Timothy the Church is the pillar and ground of truth. The Church does not create doctrine; the Church as pillar and ground of truth holds up the truth. Jesus prayed to the Father in John 17, "Thy word is truth." The Church needs to support the truth, and hold up the Word of God to a lost and dying world. So they found Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers in the temple both hearing them and asking them questions. Jesus and His plan of salvation for mankind will not be found in books of history, books of law, science, anthropology, philosophy, medicine, or even in the polls of what men may think. The truth about life in eternity and salvation comes from the Bible and the Bible alone.

They found Him in the temple reasoning with the doctors regarding the Word of God. Romans 3:23 tells us “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 6:23 tells us, “The wages of sin is death.” Romans 5:6 inform us that Christ died for the ungodly. Acts 2:38 gives us the terms of pardon, “Repent ye and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 8:38 shows us the method of baptism, going down into the water and coming up out of the water. Second Thessalonians 1:8 reveals that the Lord will come in flaming fire to take vengeance on them who have not obeyed the gospel. They found Him on the third day in the midst of the teachers in the temple.

That term “the third day” always intrigues me. When I read in Scripture about “the third day” I feel like I am standing on resurrection ground. It was on the third day that the first resurrection took place in the Book of Genesis: The earth was covered with water, and on the third day of creation the Lord said, “Let the dry land appear.” In obedience to that command the land mass arose from its watery grave, and the dry land appeared.

Luke tells the story of the two on the road to Emmaus and how they met the risen Lord although their eyes were holden that they should not know Him. They told Him that their rulers had crucified the Lord and that this was now the third day since these things came to pass. These two disciples found their risen Lord on the third day.

That term “the third day” reminds me of what Peter said about how the Lord regards time. He said, “A day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day.” How long has the Lord been gone back to Heaven, and when will He come again? He has been gone about two thousand years. If the Lord regards a thousand years as one day and one day as a thousand years, according to that calculation, Jesus has only been gone since the day before yesterday. He went back to Heaven about two days ago. We on this planet are now living early on the third day since Jesus went away. While we do not know when the Lord

will return, it is an intriguing thought to think, since He arose early on the third day after His resurrection, would it not be wonderful if He returned early on the third day? We do remember in the last chapter of Revelation that He did say three times that He would come quickly. And may we not pray as John, “Even so Come, Lord Jesus.”

However, we as Christians may rejoice in the words of Paul to Titus, “We look for the blessed hope and appearing of the Great God our Saviour.” Remember, Andrew said to Peter, “We have found the Messiah.” Philip told Nathaniel, “We have found Him.” Mary and Joseph found Him. Have you found Him?

LETTERS

Dear Sister Naomi,

Really is wonderful you kept the GIJAPA on the radio. I Have told some people that it was still on WLW at 6:30 and 8:00 AM. These people are listening now, said they couldn't believe that Ed had sermons made up ahead for 5 years. Glad you are getting along just fine. I'm looking forward to seeing you on the 19th for the 50th celebration.

Love, Betty from Ohio

Dear Naomi,

Many thanks for 2 more GIJAPA compact disc. When some items like arrive we know that you are OK or as okay as possible. All of the Sunday broadcast for Bible Voice Europe in the month of of October are fine; as well as Bible Voice Russia. The one last week, “Walking With Jesus” was a repeat from 9 weeks earlier, probably no one would notice, but I notice as I monitor the station especially!

Love, Robert and Co. from Northumberland Northumbria, England



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