



*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place.  
(1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Worship	9:30 AM
Bible Study	10:30 AM
Worship	6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Study	1:30 PM
Bible Study	7:00 PM

### Bible Call

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## WHAT WAS JESUS REALLY LIKE?

**M**any in today's religious world have the wrong impression of Jesus. To hear them talk, and to see their actions, one might get the impression that Jesus was a honey-dripping, sweet, apologetic, and undemanding person. When one observes what many have made Christianity to be, one might think that Jesus was an "anything goes" kind of Savior. After all, the mind set has become one of developing one's own spirituality. Believe what you want to believe, as long as you believe in a Supreme Being. Teach what you want to teach, as long as you are spiritual and religious. Above all else, one should develop compassion and tolerance for the beliefs of others.

Is that what Jesus was really like?

Yes. Jesus was loving. He loved the young rich man who asked Him what he could do to inherit eternal life (Mark 10:2 let.). He loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (John 11:5). Jesus loved His mother and placed her in the care of the disciple whom He loved (John 19:26cf). Ultimately, of course, His love for all mankind was seen in His sacrifice upon the cross (John 15:13; Ephesians 5:2).

Though Jesus was loving and gave His life for all. He did not allow error, and those in error, to go unrebuked. During the passion week, while teaching in the temple. The Sadducees tried to ensnare Him with the question about the Levirate Law and the wife of a man who died. Seven brothers married her. They asked whose wife she would be in the resurrection. They were not interested in learning truth. They were trying to entrap Jesus in His own words. He loved them, but He turned the tables on them. He pointed out their error, accusing those Jewish leaders of not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God (Matthew 22:29). Then, as He spoke to the multitudes in the presence of the Pharisees themselves, at least seven times He referred to the scribes and Pharisees as hypocrites (Matthew 23). Did He not love them? Surely He did. Yet He did not like the things they did. Jesus, with a loving heart, rebuked those in error.

Yes. Jesus was compassionate. At least eight times the gospel writers record that Jesus was moved with compassion. He was moved with compassion toward those who were

diseased and had physical infirmities. He was moved with compassion toward those who were hungry and those who were demon possessed. He was, also, moved with compassion toward those who were lacking the spiritual leadership necessary in their lives. Yet, especially with the latter in mind, Jesus did not compromise. It is apparent He had compassion upon the woman taken in adultery. Yet, He told her to sin no more (John 8:11cf). In His sermon on the mount, Jesus taught the multitude many things, pointing out the errors of their day and demanding more of them. Near the end of that sermon, though He was a man of compassion, he pointed out that it was not enough to sincerely call upon His name. If one is to enter into the kingdom of heaven, one must do the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21).

Yes. Jesus was tender. He called for all those Who were burdened to come unto Him (Matthew 11:28-30). John recorded the tears of Jesus as He wept at the tomb of Lazarus, whom He loved (John 11:35cf). Yet, twice His righteous anger and fierceness were recorded as He cleansed the temple, driving out the profiteers as they profaned the Temple (John 2 & 11).

Yes. Jesus served others. He demonstrated His humility as He took the work of the lowliest servant, washing the feet of the twelve as they gathered in the upper room (John 13:1-12). He told his disciples that He came not to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28). Yet, Jesus was, also, demanding of those who would be his disciples. They would need to count the cost of discipleship. They would have to love Him more than anyone else, taking up their cross daily, and renouncing all that they had (Luke 14:26-33).

Do not fall into the trap of thinking that Jesus is tolerant of error, unrighteousness, and indifference. Jesus is a loving and compassionate Savior who tenderly calls you to His service. He gave His life for you, and He expects you to give your life for Him. He expects your obedient and committed loyalty.

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## A MATTER OF ATTITUDE

**H**ave you ever noticed that attitude and mental toughness can enable an individual to overcome great odds and obstacles? Sometimes the slower runner wins the race. Sometimes the weaker man wins the fight. Sometimes the less talented team takes the championship. Why? Attitude is the answer. Two missionaries were doing some work on a remote island. One of those missionaries was tall and thin. The other missionary was the opposite in build. A local islander spoke of how difficult it would be to walk from one end of the island to the other. This was true because in order to do so, one would have to go through thick brush in some parts and climb a mountain in the center of the island. He looked at the two missionaries and told the tall and thin one he wouldn't make it. Then he expressed his confidence that the shorter, wider missionary would be able to get across to the other side. Why? He knew the shorter, wider missionary had the mental toughness to complete the task.

A Biblical example of this principle is found in 1 Samuel 14. Saul was king of Israel at the time. He was ruling over a people who were being oppressed by the Philistines. Things were not going well for Israel when an event occurred which gave the Jews courage and strength to turn the tide. Saul had a son by the name of Jonathon who had a tough mental attitude. His determination and will power came from his faith in God. He and his armor bearer decided they would go by themselves and attack the entire Philistine garrison, Jonathan said, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will work for us. For nothing restrains the Lord From saving by many or by few" (1 Samuel 14:6). Jonathan and his armor bearer climbed on their hands and knees over a steep slope to get to the Philistine garrison. Once at the top, the two men quickly killed twenty men. The Philistines began to panic which gave the other Jews courage. Soon the entire Jewish army had joined the fight and the Philistines were defeated.

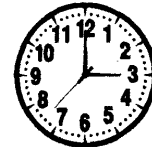
Caleb is a second example of this kind of mental toughness that is based on complete trust and faith in God. When the Jews refused to go into the land of Canaan out of fear Caleb stood against the cowards. The Bible says, "Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, 'Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it'" (Numbers 13:30). God later said, concerning Caleb, "My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him

and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went and his descendents shall inherit it" (Numbers 14:24). This "different spirit" is that mental toughness and determination that comes from a strong faith in God. Caleb later showed this great attitude again, when at the age of 85 Caleb was ready to conquer the giant people of Anakim and take the mountain upon which they lived.

We need to see to see the spirit of Jonathon and Caleb in the Lord's church today. Instead of complaining about every little thing that goes wrong, we ought to make up our minds that with the Lord's help we can accomplish great things for Him. Is your faith in God strong enough to give you an attitude of mental toughness (Philippians 4:13)?

- Kevin Rutherford -  
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### Mabery's Minutes



The response of this congregation continues to be wonderful when it comes to giving of yourselves. Many have spent hours

counting out pieces of literature and preparing distribution packets. You continue to help with the *House to House* mailers by placing the mailing seals on them before labeling. The list on the bulletin board of volunteers willing to help distribute materials and knock on doors continues to grow. Thanks for your work!

Another opportunity is coming up soon. The *House to House* mailers you are now working on will need to be labeled and mailed. Keep watching for details.

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