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### Judgment Day Excuses That Will Not Work

Jesus will come again (John 14:3). On the same day, He will judge all men. That day is called both “*the last day*” (John 12:48) and “*the day of judgment*” (2 Peter 3:7).

What excuses might be given that day?

“But, Lord, I thought . . . ?” This sounds like Naaman when he was told to dip in the Jordan to be rid of leprosy (2 Kings 5:11). He thought he knew how things ought to happen, but God thought differently.

On Judgment Day it might be, “But I thought that all a person had to do to be saved was believe in Jesus as God’s Son.” The Bible says, “*Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. . . . Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. . . . You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only*” (James 2:17–24).

Jesus will judge us by the Bible (John 12:48). “But, Lord, I was always told. . . .” In the religious realm, all kinds of faulty messages are given. Only God’s Word is truth (John 17:17). Some might say, “I was told that one church is as good as another.” God’s Word teaches that there is only one body or church (Ephesians 4:4), and that Jesus promised to build one church (Matthew 16:18). He purchased and saves only one church with His blood (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:23, 25).

“But, Lord, my pastor always said. . . .” It is amazing how many people hang their soul’s destiny on what a preacher has to say. The only Pastor whom we should accept as final authority is “*our Lord Jesus . . . that great Shepherd of the sheep*” (Hebrews 13:20). He alone has all authority (Matthew 28:18–20). At the judgment, some may plead, “But my pastor said that it does not matter how you worship, just as long as you worship the Lord.” The Master said, “*God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth*” (John 4:24). Think about it.

*Mark Your Calendar  
(see details inside)*

### Prayer Page

“*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*” Romans 12:12

Daily BIBLE  
Reading Schedule

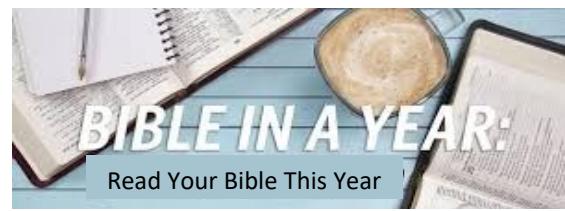
### Birthdays

Ladies Pillow Ministry & Devo  
Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:00

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*“...but in everything by prayer and supplication  
with thanksgiving let your requests  
be made known unto God.”* Philippians 4:6

### Prayer Needs and Requests

Our Country & Our National Leaders look to & be guided by God; God Bless & protect President Trump & God Bless the United States of America; People of Israel & Ukraine; Hill Country Flood Victims; Pray the cease fire holds and Hamas lays down arms; Dennis Gray recovering from hospital stay; Eliza Whitcomb - health issues; Jason Mining - regulating his diabetes; Bill Lawrence, Mary Miller's brother as he relocates; Gene Barton is continuing with meds unless chest pains return then possible stent - surgery ruled out; Tina (co-worker of Tammy Imel) fell and is having surgery; Lynda Goucher (Jerry Goucher sister-in-law) Afib issues; Terry Knight has tumor - testing (Dale Guillory friend); Betty O'Bannon has been in the hospital most of the holidays & moved to rehab at PAM 1/11th; Dale Guillory testing 11/19 was rescheduled; Eileen Adair PET Scan for December to be scheduled later; Adrian Burke has been home during the holidays thankful for his safety; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law) has been diagnosed with sarcoidosis & will continue seeing doctors for plan forward in addition to kidney function problems & is undergoing more tests at the present; Mitch Sparks & Children, Micke Lynn Milton, Mrs Dale Milton (Micke's Mom) & entire Family (all prayer request of Sheri Williams); Stephany Plank-breast cancer; Maurene Martin-colon cancer; Tracy-prostrate treatment, Charlott Wagner still needs our prayers (all friends of Dale Guillory); Building Program; Inmates of our Prison Ministry (600 Inmate students); Be THANKFUL for our MANY BLESSINGS; Share the Gospel of Jesus; Remember God is in Control; A Faithful God Deserves Praise; Are We Faithful to Him?; PUT GOD FIRST!; God Keeps His Promises; Produce Much Fruit; Be Present; Hallelujah! What a Savior!; Ask for Wisdom; Give; Commit; Let Your Light Shine; FEAR GOD! Practice Our Christianity Daily; Be THANKFUL for our MANY BLESSINGS; We must hear The Word to be saved - DEVOUR THE WORD; Hunger for God's Word & Read It Daily; Listen; Keep Our Eyes on Heaven; Love Our Neighbor; Be rich toward God; Actions Speak Louder; Jesus said, “Do you love me?; Earnestly seek our God!; Come, great is the Lord and most worthy of our praise; Pray Without Ceasing for Each Other; Serve Others; Deny Self & not be Mere Human; Breathe the Spirit of God; Excitement & Enthusiasm for the Lord

### Please Remember These Battling Cancer

Tammy Adair; Amy Cote (O'Bannon & Burke friend); Gerald Elliott; Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Frances (Sonoma O'Bannon friend); Roseann Hudoba; Betty Hunt (Tammy Imel sister-in-law's mother) Nathan Lunday-prostate cancer & Tracy Park (Dale Guillory friends); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law)

### Continual Prayers

Adair Family; Gene Barton (Nancy Barton's husband); Diane Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; David & Patsy Camp; Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law); Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher; Deavyn Gordon; Dennis & Mary Gray; Joyce Gray (mother of Dennis Gray); Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Myra Higgins and her granddaughters-Alysa & Samantha Higgins; Marion Hood (aunt of Shannon Burke); Justin Imel health issues; Summer Imel (Justin & Tammy Imel niece); Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (Peggy Burke friends); Copper Kimbrough (husband Avery Cable Kimbrough); Betty O'Bannon; Glenda Peters; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); Jeff Riggs (Kay Riggs son); Mike Ritter; Bobby Rowan; Johnny Salas; Andrew Shirley (Scott & Erin Burke Son-in-law) heart issues; Jim & Linda Thomason; Lara Tucker (Nancy Barton niece), Sheri & Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's sister); Susan Williams, Karl Vinson

PLEASE GIVE OFFICE UPDATES TO PRAYER LIST



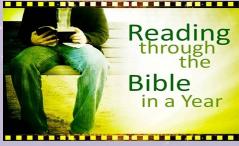
To the Imel Family in the loss of Tammy's mother,

Ann McKinney,

who passed into the arms of her Savior  
Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Details to follow. Prayers for the Imel's as they fly to Kentucky for the funeral.





### Daily Bible Reading

#### January 25 - January 31

Sun 25	am	Exodus 9:10
	pm	Matthew 18:1-20
Mon 26	am	Exodus 11-12
	pm	Matthew 18:21-35
Tues 27	am	Exodus 13-15
	pm	Matthew 19:1-15
Wed 28	am	Exodus 16-18
	pm	Matthew 19:16-30
Thur 29	pm	Exodus 19-21
	pm	Matthew 20:1-16
Fri 30	am	Exodus 22-24
	pm	Matthew 20:17-34
Sat 31	am	Exodus 25-26
	pm	Matthew 21:1-22

### ARE ALL RELIGIONS EQUIALLY VALID? (Part 2) by Allen Webster

#### HISTORY SAYS THAT CHRISTIANITY STANDS ALONE

The facts of Christianity give a foundation no other religion can claim—verifiable historical evidence. Unlike the vague myths or philosophical teachings of other faiths, Christianity is rooted in real events, people, and places. The world anticipated Jesus' arrival (John 4:25). His birth, life, death, and resurrection are recorded in detail. The information was circulated throughout the world, so that even two thousand years later, Jesus is the best-known person in the world.

Secular historians such as Josephus and Tacitus mention Jesus of Nazareth, but the Bible presents His life in detail. Jesus is identifiable by Old Testament prophecies He fulfilled. Have you considered that five identification marks are enough to separate any one human from all others? Take your address, for instance: you are the only person on planet earth with that precise name and address; out of the eight billion-plus people on earth, a letter can get to the right person.

In the same way, five identification markers would be enough to identify Jesus, but His prophecies number in the hundreds, written centuries before they occurred. The Old Testament contains prophecies that were fulfilled in Jesus, such as:

- **Birthplace.** The promised Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), yet strangely He would be in Egypt as an infant (Hosea 11:1). He would also be called a “Nazarene.” Children would somehow be massacred in connection with His birth (Jeremiah 31:15). Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:3-6), yet His parents fled to Egypt when Herod determined to slay all the young children in that city (Matthew 2:13-18). When they returned, they lived in Nazareth (Matthew 2:23).
- **Ancestry.** The Messiah would be of Abraham's seed (Luke 1:68-73; Genesis 12:3; 22:16-18) through Isaac and Jacob (Luke 3:34; Genesis 17:19; 21:12; Numbers 24:17). He would be of the tribe of Judah (Luke 3:33; Genesis 49:10) and the Son of David (Luke 3:31; Matthew 1:1; 2 Samuel 7:8-14). How many people on earth have ever had such a pedigree? Jesus is one of them.
- **Conflict and Opposition.** One would think that the anticipated Messiah would be welcomed by the people He came to save. Yet, strangely, the Old Testament pictured this Messiah as facing conflict and opposition. He would be the stone that builders rejected (Psalm 118:22-23; Mark 12:10-12; Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:7). He would be betrayed by someone close to Him (Psalm 41:9; John 13:18), and even the betrayal price—thirty pieces of silver—was named (Zechariah 11:12-13; Matthew 26:14-16; 27:5-10).
- **Death.** The Messiah was not predicted to live a long life, but to die a violent death in the midst of life (Psalm 22:1-18; Matthew 27:33-50). Remarkable details were furnished in advance that would be a part of the death circumstances. He would be with thieves in His death (Isaiah 53:9, 12; Matthew 27:38; Luke 22:37). He would be given vinegar and gall (Psalm 69:21; Matthew 27:34; John 19:28-29). Lots would be cast for His clothing (Psalm 22:18; Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34; John 19:23-24). He would be pierced (Zechariah 12:10; 13:6; Psalm 22:16; Luke 24:39; John 19:37; 20:24-29), yet He would suffer no bones broken (Psalm 34:20; John 19:31-36).
- **Burial.** He would be buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60).

One modern rabbi, while rejecting Christ, admitted the coming Messiah would have to be “just like Jesus of Nazareth—except for His untimely death.” Ironically, that “untimely death” was foretold by Scripture.

Other religions lack historical and prophetic foundation. Contrast Christianity's evidence with the religious systems of the East:

- **Buddhism** has some branches that do not even require belief in the historical Buddha. It is about meditation and detachment, not evidence.
- **Hinduism** lacks a central founder, prophet, or doctrine. Its countless gods and beliefs vary widely by region and time.
- **Confucianism** is more of a social code than a religion. Confucius was not a prophet; he was a philosopher focused on relationships and harmony.
- **Islam** has some historical grounding, but it lacks prophetic fulfillment, payment for sin, and a living founder.

None of these systems offers fulfilled prophecy, resurrection claims, or detailed eyewitness accounts like Christianity.

### JANUARY Birthdays

Linda Thomason 12

### JANUARY Anniversaries

Otis & Kay Riggs 18



### Ladies' Class & Pillow Ministry

Every Tuesday

9:00 - 11:30 am



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### *Meet With Us*

#### Sunday Morning

Coffee & Donut Fellowship	9:00am
Bible Class	9:30am
Morning Worship	10:30am

#### Wednesday Evening

Bible Class 6:30pm

## *Serving this Week:*

January 25, 2026

Donut Fellowship 9:00am  
Bible Class 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: Dennis Gray  
Scripture Reading & Prayer:

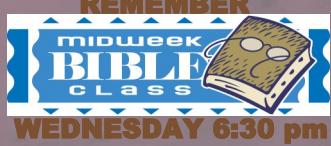
Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: " \_\_\_\_\_"  
**Dr Justin Imel**

Closing Payer:  
**Jimmy Burke**

Greeter: **Tammy Adair**  
Communion Prep: **Patsy Camp**  
Livestreaming: **R.J. Imel**

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**REMEMBER WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** I am blessed to be with brethren. I am blessed to serve. I am blessed to learn from others. I am blessed to hear the Word of Life. I am blessed to remember what's important. I am blessed to recharge my spirit. I am blessed to correct my life. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday!