

Thank you, Lyle Graddon  
Speaker for today

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## The Significant Life of a Carpenter

He was born in an obscure village in a remote corner of the Roman Empire karma to parents who enjoyed no financial advantage or significant social status. He grew up in a village of little importance, where he worked as a Carpenter for most of his adult life. At around the age of 30 he became a wandering teacher whose message was considered offensive to some.

He never wrote a book, built a great building, or achieved what most would consider worldly success. He never held a political office, owned a house or property. He never attended a college and never traveled to one of the world's great cities like Rome, Ephesus, or Athens. He never gave the world a great invention, a cure for a dreaded disease, or a notable scientific discovery period he never personally painted a celebrated painting or wrote a great song or piece of music.

He was never cited for bravery, but is remembered for His courage. He led no earthly army or was ever a decorated war hero. He was never awarded an Olympic gold medal or a Medal of Honor. He never won a championship at any level. He did none of the things that the world recognizes as greatness.

The ministry that Je is primarily known for lasted around three years. He lived on this earth for only 33 years; He was still a young man when the tide of public opinion turned against Him. He was unjustly turned over to those who held Him in contempt. In His darkest hour, most of his close friends deserted Him. He went

### Congratulations!

Isaiah Diaz was baptized recently!

His mom is our sister Elizabeth Carrillo. Their new address is  
79421 Horizon Palm Circle, La Quinta, CA 92253

### Attention

Business Meeting Today at 2:30 p.m.

### January Birthdays

14 Juanita Small

### January Anniversaries

8 Bob & Debbie Pescador

#### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Sunday.....10:45 a.m.

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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through a mockery of a trial and was unjustly condemned to death by crucifixion. He was a victim of a campaign of lies, slander, and false accusations orchestrated by religious leaders. His own countrymen called for His crucifixion, and He was executed by the state as a criminal. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only possessions He could say were His own, an article of clothing. When He was taken down from the cross, He was placed in a borrowed tomb. Three days later He was resurrected and some 40 days later He ascended back to heaven. Today He exercises all power and authority, and He reigns over God's Kingdom from His throne in heaven. At some future point He will return.

More than 20 centuries have come and gone since Jesus was crucified and resurrected. Today He is history's most significant figure and the most important person to ever set foot on this earth. Jesus of Nazareth is the world's most significant life.

## **His Personal Invitation**

By Dan Jenkins

How often have you heard these words of Jesus in Bible classes and sermons? *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"* Matthew 11:28. They touch our hearts, but they may become even more powerful when we look at the words preceding His invitation.

Before giving His invitation, He spoke to the Father. *"I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent."* The things He mentioned were the eternal truths He came to reveal. They were hidden from those described as wise and prudent. The wise and the prudent would be the ones you might expect to be given such vital truths, yet Jesus thanked God that it had not been given to those respected by society as being above all others. It may at first seem strange, but if Jesus was thankful for this, shouldn't we also be thankful?

Jesus continued His thought when He said the Father had *"...revealed them to babes."* Obviously, the babes are not infants, but those individuals to whom it was revealed were so different from the wise and prudent. Paul describes this truth in this way. *"For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many noble, are called"* (1 Cor. 1:26). There was no way to comprehend those prophecies about how God would come in the flesh and the Creator of the universe would suffer crucifixion. When He actually came there was no human wisdom, even among the wise and prudent, that could comprehend it.

Jesus said even more about this before giving His great invitation. *"No one knows the Father...except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him"* (Matthew 11:27). To whom does Jesus reveal the Father? He has been revealed Him to "babes" who by human standards are so far removed from being wise and prudent. Jeremiah described those who would be the recipients of the New Covenant. *"For they shall all know Me, from the least to the greatest"* (Jeremiah 31:34).

We must never forget that as we respond to His great invitation we come to know God. It is that revelation from God that enables us to so easily understand the crucified Creator! That which the world by its wisdom will never comprehend is the very basis of how we come to the Savior and know Him!

Christendom often asks, "Do you know the Lord as your personal Savior." Is there any way we can know that we really know God? Here is God's answer to that question. *"By this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments"* (1 John 2:4). Coming to Him involves knowing His will and doing what He says. "Babes" fully understand this.

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