



MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS and CAVES

sermon series

Sunday, January 2, 2022

What do Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men have in common? Jesus was the essential person in their lives. For Mary and Joseph, it was an ongoing, lifetime experience. For the shepherds, it was a once-in-a-lifetime moment.

The point is, there is NO magnificent story without Jesus. John 1:17 says, “For the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” The Old Testament, with all its background, history, leaders, prophets, kings, and priests, is essential or the New Testament has no context. However, without Jesus, all we have is the law. The law cannot save us—it only convicts us of sin. The law is part of our story but is incomplete.

Jewish people do not worship Moses, Muslims do not worship Mohammed, and Buddhists do not worship Buddha; yet these religions exist without worshipping their leaders.

However, to remove Jesus, the chief cornerstone of our faith, makes the entire structure collapse. Jesus is not just another in a long line of prophets who came with a new revelation. He is superior in every way to the prophets and to the angels. He is the Son of God. When we have the best, there is no need to revert to an inferior.

“Long ago... the prophets. Now... his Son.” The text describing the nature of Jesus is mind-blowing. He is “the heir of all things,” the creator of the world, “the radiance of the glory of God,” the exact imprint of God’s nature, “he upholds the universe by the word of his power,” he made purification for our sins and is now seated at God’s right hand, “much superior to angels,” with a more excellent Name than theirs. Wow! If we take the Scripture seriously, we will never say Jesus was “just another religious leader” or just a “good teacher.” Jesus came to reveal to us the nature of the King in the kingdom of God.



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APPLICATION:

Everything in the Bible points to Jesus. He is not only an essentialist in the way He lived—He is THE ESSENTIAL. Memorize Hebrews 1:1-4. Let that concept penetrate your mind. However, the Scriptures are not merely for our minds, they are for our hearts, too. Ask the Spirit of Jesus to fill your mind and heart with affection for Him. Meditate on who Jesus is, what He has done, why He did it, and where His grace will take us. Make Him your Essential. Love Him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength... and your neighbor as yourself.



MESSAGE

Genesis 22:1-14

Pastor
John Vick

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

JAN. 3

Exodus 3:1-6

JAN. 4

Exodus 1-3

JAN. 5

Exodus 4-6

JAN. 6

Exodus 7-9

JAN. 7

Exodus 10-12

JAN. 8

Exodus 13-15

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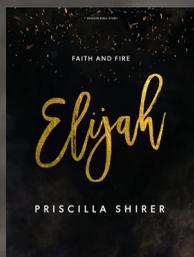
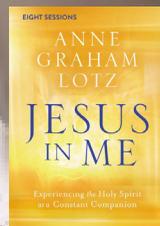
- We will be taking pictures on Sundays ONLY. (Photos will NOT be taken today, January 2, appointments resume Sunday, January 9.)
- If you have questions, please contact Michelle Rafferty at 918.392.1122 or mrafferty@asburytulsa.org or visit asburytulsa.org/photosignup to sign up for an appointment. Photos will continue until Sunday, January 30, 2022.



January 8 | 8:15 am
North Entrance

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Beginning January 12 SPRING (MID-WEEK) DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES



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Seeing the Treasure
in Biblical Texts

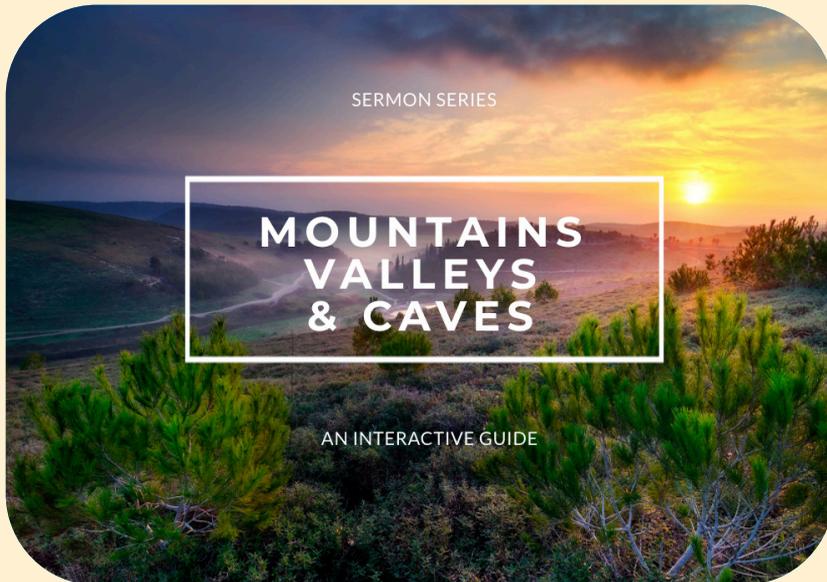
Releasing
Purpose:
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ROMANS
PART 3
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WEDNESDAYS

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Starting January 12. Becoming a strong disciple means learning Scripture and applying it to your everyday life. We will be offering a wide variety of learning opportunities for the whole family. Or do you sing? Play an instrument? Experiencing or joining one of Asbury's choir, orchestra or music teams is something you don't want to miss.



Dinner

Start the evening off with a home-cooked meal



Mid-Week Recharge

6:30-8 pm



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Choir & Orchestra



Children's Choir



Wednesday Night Live

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Wednesday Night Greeting Team