

TRINITY NEWS

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“Let those who have ears to hear, listen”

So says the Teacher. He rose to teach and he lay down still teaching: it was his life.

The reign of God was at the heart of his teaching.

This reign was to be seen most clearly in the making-present of God's reign in the person of his servant Jesus.

The God of Jesus is Abba, the Creator of all that is and the Father of humanity. God for Jesus is Abba, not the king of a kingdom.

The vulnerable human being known as Jesus of Nazareth is our access to God. He is the first hearer of our prayers and the first hand that we touch on our journey to God, at the beginning and at the end. He came among us and he is our companion on our journey into a New Year.

Jesus taught as much with his eyes and his hands and his smile as with his voice. We cannot see him as a person, so we are left with his words and deeds and words about him. His body movements and his tone of voice usually escape us. However, we do know that he liked to look around at people when he was in a group and he also liked to embrace people, especially children. But ultimately we are left with the written pages that we call Scripture. We always look first to the pages of the Gospels when we want to bring the ‘picture’ of Jesus into focus.

Jesus himself is the Good News, the Gospel. Without him there would be no Gospel. The credibility of the Christian Faith stands on the credibility of Jesus. Some of the ‘marks’ of who Jesus is as a person are clear for those who have eyes to see and “ears to listen”. The list below covers some of them:

Exudes love, even to enemies

Balance

Sanity

Non-ego driven

God is heard in his voice

Healer: loves to heal; rejoices in it

Lives on earth and in God, simultaneously

Lives as if the reign of God is actual and effective, now!

Works miracles and sees himself as the channel of miracles

He himself is the best definition of a miracle: the divine presence in a human being.

The Gospel miracles are supernatural, and so is the confluence of God and humanity in Jesus.

The only priceless piece of art on earth is the ‘portrait’ of Christ that we carry before us and within us as we take our first steps in the New Year. Walk on with hope in your heart!

Greetings for the New Year!

Bishop Arthur Jones

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43;
Matthew 3:13-17

Your prayers are asked in our healing ministry for Diana Croyston, Peter, Beryl Tanner, Ron Thoburn, Suzanne Jacobson, Cena Quiapos, Ron Jacob, Bonnie SyCip, Fidelia Matthews, Jovel Llagas, Ted Whale, Ema Duhaylongsod, Emerinciana Gatela, Amy Gonzales, Carrie Angus, Augusto Natividad, Avelina Collado, Eric Williamson, Susan Dalmas, Sunny Cabanang, Jaqueline Acquiatan, Valerie Jones, Carlyn-Fern Manning, Richard Kendall, Johnny Manning Jr, Gloria Domingo, Fr. Barry Cumberland, Gloria Katsi Araneta, Emilie Nauntofte, Marian Kermanshahchi, Rosaline Soulsby, Divinagracia Benitez, Les Vye-Parminter, Wilson Teh, Rey del Rosario, Jose Songco, Gitte Volk, Cecile Gutierrez.