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The Gospel of Mark and the Identity of Jesus: Jesus the Authoritative One

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Last Sunday On the Sunday closest to All Saints' Day, Dr. J. Evan Kreider (Professor Emeritus of Music, UBC) led us through the Bible passages which predict the resurrection of the dead. What happens to us between death and the final judgment is a mystery, but we know from Romans 8:38 that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Our hope can be built on Jesus' promise that the believing thief on the cross would join him in Paradise (Luke 23:43). The Apostles' Creed – and even some songs in our Mennonite hymnal – include belief in the communion of saints. [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/resurrection-of-the-dead-2018/>

Scriptures for Today

Mark 2:18-3:6

Mark 3:13-35

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

November 18	Veronica Dyck	Hannah's Prayer
November 25	Janet Boldt	Lectionary
December 2	Rosie Perera	Watching & Waiting
December 9	Sing-along Messiah	

Sing the Journey There are two new copies of SING THE JOURNEY that are available for sale at \$17 each. First come, first served--let Janice know.

Westcoast Symphony Angela Ruthven and the symphony invite you to a concert of English composers including Britten and Vaughn Williams with the Vancouver Bach Choir. Saturday November 17th at 8 pm at Christ Church Cathedral (690 Burrard St., Vancouver) or Sunday November 18 at 2:30 pm at Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale Ave., North Van). Admission by donation at the door.

Mennonite Church Canada is pleased to announce that Doug Klassen has accepted our call to the position of Executive Minister. Doug is currently one of the pastors at Foothills Mennonite Church in Calgary, AB and has ministered there since 1998. For more information see MC Canada news release at <https://www.mcbc.ca/links/>

Deuteronomy 10:12, 13 and 17-21

¹² So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,¹³ and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being.

[...]

¹⁷ For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe,¹⁸ who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing.¹⁹ You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.²⁰ You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear.²¹ He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. [NRSV]

RECORDING THE SERVICE

Please note that we record the response time after the sermon. You are encouraged to share your thoughts as fully as you feel led with the proviso that no privacy can be guaranteed. The response time will not be posted to the website. You are encouraged to bring forth private issues during the time of sharing and prayer, which will not be recorded.

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Mark 2:23-3:6

Jesus' authority over the Sabbath

²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

²⁵ He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

3 Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ² Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³ Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

⁴ Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

⁵ He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶ Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus. [NIV]

Mark 3:13-35

Jesus' authority over the family

¹³ Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and to have authority to drive out demons. ¹⁶ These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter), ¹⁷ James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means "sons of thunder"), ¹⁸ Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family[b] heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that

kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

³³ "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!"

³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." [NIV]