

## Sunday: May 3, 2020

5 Surprising Things Jesus' Followers Did After Easter By Robert Hutchinson—Part 2 (https://www.faithgateway.com)



### #4. They took care of the sick.

A major component of Jesus' mission on earth appears to have been free healing. According to Matthew's account, Jesus called His twelve apostles and instructed them to heal *every disease and every affliction* (Matthew 10:1).

In Luke, Jesus sends out 72 of His disciples as emissaries of the kingdom, instructing them specifically to heal the sick who are there and tell them, *The kingdom of God has come near to you* (Luke 10:9, NIV).

Ever since, Christians have been involved in medical mission work – building hospitals, establishing medical organizations such as the Red Cross.



#### #5. They invited others into their fellowship.

The Gospels and the rest of the New Testament are emphatic that Jesus instructed His followers to *make disciples of all nations* (Matthew 28:19). From the very beginning, it appears, this was Jesus' intention for His followers.

Jesus' first challenge to the Galilean fisherman Simon bar Jonah, for example, was for him to follow Jesus and He would make him *a fisher of men*. Indeed, that was one of Jesus' metaphors to explain what the kingdom of God is like, a fishing net. *The kingdom of Heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind,* He told a crowd one day on the lakeshore.

This is surprising because in the ancient world religious groups were often exclusive. The sociologist Rodney Stark points out that the phenomenal growth of the Christian movement can be explained, at least partially, by the welcoming attitude of Jesus' followers towards groups scorned by other religious movements, such as women, slaves, Samaritans and foreigners.



# **Jerry Roberts** 1941-2020

Jeneanne Absher's brother passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeneanne, the Roberts family, and friends during this time.



## Wishing you all Health and Happiness

MAY	CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
10	Mother's Day		
11	CCC Food Distribution, 1 pm		
18	Harvester's Food Distribution, 2 pm		
25	Memorial Day		

WAG, the Williamstown Assembly of God church, is following the health and safety recommendations issued by federal, state, and church administrations regarding the Coronavirus threat.

There will be no church services or events on site at the church until further notice.

https://covid.ks.gov/wp-content/ uploads/2020/04/Reopen-Kansas-Exec-Summary-043020.1.pdf



#### 2020 CHURCH CAMP INFO

As of today, there are no cancellations regarding the church camps. If you need a camp scholarship or a camp packet, please contact Nichole immediately.



**REGISTRATION:** AGK has extended the deadline for the early bird registration fee for the High School AND the Middle School camps.

Please mail your registration fee and forms to WAG as soon as possible in order for the church to receive your materials by May 17th. The church's registration packet to AGK has to be postmarked by May 18th.

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High School	Grades 9—12	June 01-05, 2020	Cost: \$230	Due by May 17
Middle School	Grades 6-8	June 15-19, 2020	Cost: \$230	Due by May 17
Kids Camp 1	Grade 3 (entering) - Grade 5 (completed)	June 21-24, 2020	Cost: \$180	Due by May 17
Kids Camp 2	Grade 3 (entering) - Grade 5 (completed)	June 24—27, 2020	Cost: \$180	Due by May 17

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## ONLINE SERVICES

Week Four of Online Church (April 12, 2020 Sermon)

 $https://www.youtube.com/watch?= mB5L6UV3Qek\&feature= emb\_err\_watch\_on\_yt$ 

Week Five of Online Church (April 19, 2020 Sermon) https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=WmKsrg 6azO

Week Six of Online Church (April 26, 2020 Sermon)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRGW2P4t-sc



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Would you like to receive special announcements from the church? Text the word WAG.

Would you like to receive prayer requests? Text the word Prayer.

Would you like to receive more information about our church? Text the word Guest.

Are you a new believer and would like a Bible Study to help you on this new path? Text the word *Believe*.



# An excerpt from Should Christians care about conspiracy theories? (www.compellingtruth.org)

Though sometimes entertaining, conspiracy theories often produce fear. God does not want us to fear. Nor does He want us to embroil ourselves in such worldly pursuits.

Paul instructs Timothy to focus on the gift of God, not on fear, in 2 Timothy 1. He writes that *God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control* (verse 7). Jesus tells us in Matthew 10:26 that all we need to know will be revealed and that those things that are hidden will become known. The key here is trust. Do we trust our own understanding, or do we trust God?

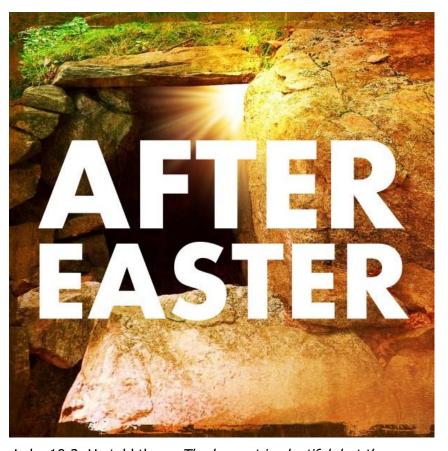
In Ephesians 5:8–17, Paul outlines almost directly how to deal with conspiracies and such. He emphasizes for us to walk in the light and to *try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord* (verse 10). Paul continually directs our focus and attention to goodness, light, and God's will.

Now, understand that we can find examples of pursuing truth in the Bible (2 Samuel 12, Acts 23). However, our focus should be on seeking truth and peace (Zechariah 8:19). Leave the exposure of hidden evil to God (John 3:20). Trust Him to reveal what He will reveal in His time (Mark 13:32).

Remember, our focus and efforts should be to seek after God and His will for our lives. (Matthew 22:37–39).

And he said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.





Luke 10:2 He told them, *The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.* 

Romans 5:6-8 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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