



CHRIST'S CHURCH
OF THE CANYON

Mid-Week Devotion
January 24, 2021

"All roads don't lead to my house!"

I don't have to tell you that our Lord had regular run-ins with the religious hierarchy of His day. Granted, the Pharisees and their cohorts were under the Roman boot which strongly encouraged them to tow-the-line. The Roman folks in charge of Israel at the time had strict orders to keep all of their subjugated states in lock-step with Rome's wishes. Never-the-less Jesus' confrontations with the Jewish religious leaders was over their "hard headedness" and worse their "hard heartedness." In John's Gospel chapter 8 and verse 39 John writes as Jesus is speaking to the religious leaders, "You examine the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is those very scriptures that testify about Me..." Let me paraphrase. "Pharisees, you study the Scriptures because you think that in doing so it's earning you salvation, but it's not." Jesus continues, "The Scriptures speak of Me...and yet you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life."

Many folks are thinking that they can get to God (heaven) however they choose. But here's the problem. There's only one way to God and that's through His directions, His plan. If I invited you to my house for a steak dinner, Saturday at 6PM and of course you have to bring the dessert, that's just the way it works at my house. But you've never been to my house so you ask for directions. My response? "Take any road, avenue, street or thoroughfare. You'll eventually end up at my house." You look at me like I'm mad. "No, I need the specific directions to your home." And I reply, "take any road." You'll never make it. The analogy works for getting to God. There's only one way to my house. There's only one way to God. Not your way. Not a religions way. Not a "I'll just study the scriptures" way. God's plan to heaven is through Jesus, the Son of God, His Son. There's no other way.

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Upcoming Events

Go to Upcoming Events: Christschurchofthecanyon.com

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, February 6 @ 8AM @ Camp Kare. \$5 for Mexico Lindo breakfast. Contact the church office (760.244.9462) or Will Coonce wcoonce3@icloud.com for more info and to sign-up. (weather permitting)



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Women's Brunch, Saturday, February 6 @ 9AM @ 26711 Raven Rd. Wrightwood.
Contact the church office (760.244.9462) or call Lisa Linthicum @ 626.688.8762 or Donna
Spencer @ 951.232.0353 for more info and to sign-up. (weather permitting)

Base Camp and Snowplayers (middle school thru senior high) Spring Break trip to
Rainbow Acres (rainbowacres.com), Verde Valley, Arizona, March 20-27. More info at Sisters-
in-Step and Base Camp Bible study Wednesday nights. More info? Contact
Matt Wells, matt@christschurchofthecanyon.com