



## WHO IS THIS MAN? THE SUFFERING SERVANT



*Missing a handout or answers from the Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament series?  
Needing another booklet to keep copies in? Resources are available on the table in the back of  
the sanctuary. Also check out the Podcast on Lakeland's website to hear past messages.*



#### **UP-COMING MESSAGES: *KNOWING JESUS THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT* FOUR-PART SERIES: WHO IS THIS MAN?**

**DEC. 17—THE SON OF MAN:** Jesus called himself (constantly) The Son of Man. But what did that really mean? When people heard it, what did it mean to them? And what should it mean to us?

**DEC. 24 —THIS FULFILLS WHAT WAS WRITTEN:** Join us Dec. 24 (2:30p.m. or 4p.m.) as we celebrate the birth of Christ and finish our *Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament* series by examining the Old Testament prophecies, promises, and passages Jesus fulfills!

**DEC. 31:** Guest speaker

#### **UPCOMING MESSAGES FOR 2018: FINANCIAL FREEDOM**

**JAN. 7 —PART 1: *FREE YOUR MIND*:** This week we begin our Financial Freedom series by learning to see money as God sees it. Armed with this view, we protect ourselves from harmful thoughts and habits that wreck our financial well-being.

**JAN. 14—PART 2: *ALIGN YOUR HEART*:** Our series “Finding Financial Freedom” continues as we learn to understand our own hearts and attitudes toward money. Those who are married also learn to see their spouses point of view, giving us the only hope we have of managing money TOGETHER.

**JAN 21—PART 3: *WALK WITH GOD*:** The most important aspect of financial freedom is TRUSTING IN GOD. In this message we learn some very concrete ways to trust God to provide all we need!

#### **UPCOMING MESSAGES FOR 2018: THE MILESTONE JOURNEY**

**JAN 28 — *MILESTONE PATH: THE EXPEDITION*:** Do you influence others? Do you have children? Do you have employees? Do you oversee a ministry? Most of us LEAD something and there is biblical wisdom that can all make us better leaders. In this MILESTONE message, we will outline what may well be your next step in your spiritual journey.

**GUY MOVIE NIGHT:** Join the guys of Lakeland on Dec. 11 from 7:30-9:30p.m. in the Upper Room for *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

**AT THE WELL WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE:** Join the women of Lakeland on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7p.m.-9p.m. in the Lakeland Youth room. Bring an ornament to exchange (\$7-\$10 value) and an appetizer or dessert to share.

**HOPE CENTER CHRISTMAS TREE:** Take an ornament from the Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary to support the ministries at the Hope Center. Purchase the item and place it unwrapped under the tree by Dec. 24.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES** will be 2:30p.m. and 4p.m. There will be no Sunday morning service on Christmas Eve.

**YEAR-END GIVING:** Your check or tithe must be dated by Dec. 31 to count for the 2017 year. You can also give online using the Lakeland APP or Lakeland Connect.

**VERONICA'S VOICE RETRO TRIVIA NIGHT:** Saturday, Jan. 13 at 7p.m. in the Lakeland Lobby. Cost is \$25 per person or \$200 for a table of 8. Register at [www.veronicasvoice.org](http://www.veronicasvoice.org) or contact Vince Tucker: [vincetucker1969@gmail.com](mailto:vincetucker1969@gmail.com)

**BRIDGES MILESTONE:** A retreat for 5-8 graders, parents and older siblings. Come learn how to connect as a family from Mike and Becky Qualls. Feb. 2-3, 2018 at the Three Trails Conference Center in Independence. Register via Forms in Lakeland Connect. (Registration Deadlines: \$50 by Dec. 17, \$55 by Jan. 7 and \$65 by Jan. 21)

**EASTLYN HOUSE CLEAN-UP DAY:** Sat, Jan. 13 from 9a.m.-11:30a.m. The Eastlyn House and adjoining lots need to be cleaned up. Bring your families, yard work tools and pick-up trucks. Meet us at 2717 East Linwood Blvd, KCMO 64128. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan at: [danw@lakelandcommunity.org](mailto:danw@lakelandcommunity.org)

**STRENGTHS IN PARENTING CLASS:** Did you attend The Call Milestone and discover your strengths? Are you also raising chil-

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Today we will learn the key to the real power in this world.

“Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant ... For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” — *Matthew 20:26-28*

We know how power works in the world. The Kingdom of Jesus is backward from that!

The Kingdom of God can only set everything right when someone is willing to suffer.

### CAN SUFFERING CREATE A NATION?

George Washington suffered the loss of power.

### CAN SUFFERING CREATE EQUALITY?

You don't strike back; you go like a lamb to slaughter; you suffer and show the world who's violent.

### CAN SUFFERING PROVIDE SANITATION FOR THE THIRD WORLD?

Let us suffer and change our own fate.

### WHAT CAN SUFFERING DO FOR A FAMILY THAT FIGHTS DAY AFTER DAY ABOUT MEANINGLESS THINGS?

You suffer, of your own volition.

### CAN SUFFERING HEAL A SICK BODY?

An exercise program that has no suffering, will not work.

### CAN SUFFERING TAKE THE OBLIGATION AND ANNOYANCE OUT OF CHRISTMAS?

Find something to contribute.

### CAN SUFFERING BRING YOUR CHILDREN BACK TO YOU?

You carry the emotions they can't carry. You suffer to show them how to handle conflict in a family.

### CAN SUFFERING MAKE TRAFFIC MORE TOLERABLE?

Suffer a moment to slow down and let someone else in.

### WHAT CAN SUFFERING BRING TO SOCIAL MEDIA?

Suffer someone else's words. Suffer as the King suffered; as the saints suffered.

## Reflection

Prayerfully consider each “suffering scenario” Pastor Garrett described. Listen for what God has to say to you.

December 10, 2017



Bible Reading Track:

Nehemiah 1—6

WATCH ... WAIT ... LISTEN



**CHRISTIANITY:** Jesus' story makes all the pieces fit:

The origin of the universe.

The amazing power of love.

The problem of evil and how it will be solved.

*Atheist:* we're just animals passing on genes.

*Buddhist & Hindu:* we're illusions waiting to be reabsorbed into the universe.

*Witchcraft:* spells and chants to create our own god to take care of us.

*Judaism:* following a strict Code of Laws.

*Islam:* we're so dirty, God can't be among us.

Jesus is saying ... ***I love you and I can treat you better than that!***

## Reflection

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*Homework: Watch SNL's Thank You, Scott.*

