



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Acts 5:27-32 (NIV)

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest.

²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!

³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.

³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Revelations 1:4-8 (NIV)

Greetings and Doxology

⁴ John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

⁷ "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him."

So shall it be! Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Psalms 118:14-29 (NIV)

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

¹⁶ The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

¹⁷ I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we bless you.

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalms 150 (NIV)

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

² Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

FUNERAL NOTICE:

Viv Chaffey

Tuesday, 30th April at 10:30am

West Tamworth Uniting Church

Rev Henry Swindon will officiate



"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." ~ Aesop



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville 28 April

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West

"If you are too busy to laugh, you are too busy." ~Anon

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Mavis as she mourns the loss of Viv, her sister, friend and fellow adventurer.
- We give thanks to God for the safe arrival of Liam, the 1st great-grandchild for Beth and Peter Scorgie.
- We also give thanks that Bronwyn Monckton's eye is finally coming good after many months of treatment.
- We pray for Bronwyn Mangan who has spinal surgery on Monday.
- We pray for rain for our region, as we also give thanks for the rain which fell in south-west Queensland this week.

Meg's Musings

I feel a bit sorry for Thomas, who has always been seen as "the doubter".

If I was in Thomas' situation, I think that I would find it difficult to put my trust in such a seemingly impossible assertion - that Jesus had risen from the grave.

Each of the disciples had been on an emotional roller-coaster. To allow himself to believe something so incredible would have felt like he was setting himself up for failure - again.

But after he saw Jesus, Thomas did believe wholeheartedly in Jesus' resurrection.

Tradition tells us that Thomas went on to found the Christian church on the west coast of India. He must have set out full of conviction, hope and determination.... and with limited support.

It is easy to label people. What we need to be careful about is whether that label still fits, or whether they have outgrown it.

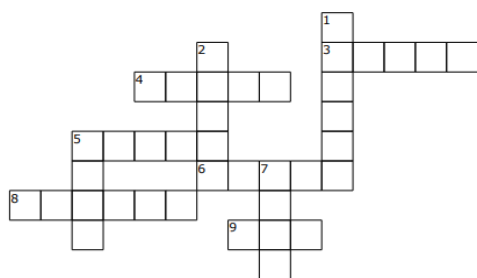
Blessings from Meg



Jesus Appears to His Disciples

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



John 20:19-31 (NIV)

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

When grace is joined with wrinkles, it is adorable.

~Victor Hugo

God's plans are always the best for your life

So, walk in his footsteps and choose faith

Focus on gratitude and draw emotional strength

Build resilience and be mindful of your surrounding

Life is a beautiful adventure, explore it in your own way

Sing your own song and dance at your own music

Feel the joy and create happiness, peace and love

Be content with yourself and listen to your inner voice

Do self-reflection and self-assessment everyday

Because tomorrow is a new day and adventure awaits!

~ Seema Chowdhury

CHURCH SERVICES

3 May

6pm

Hallsville ~ Margaret Crowell

5 May

11am

West ~ Margaret Crowell



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