

Rendezvous–Presentation No. 8, continued

If you had just risked and lost your life to save the world, what would you have done as soon as your mission was declared to be a success by God?

- A. John 20:10-18–Jesus lingers with Mary at the tomb

Notes:

- B. Luke 24:13-35–Jesus lingers with two distraught disciples on the road to Emmaus

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- C. John 21:1-17–Jesus lingers behind to restore and encourage hurting Peter

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- D. Acts 1:9-11–Jesus promises to come back for us

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**The last and final Rendezvous, “Our Ultimate Encounter:”
Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.**



Saturday, April 23, 2011

Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Presentation No. 7 (11a.m.):

“A Trek into Hostile Territory–Part 1”

Our fourth Rendezvous takes us to the land and places of Jesus, “Immanuel, God with us.” In Jesus, God covered his glory in human skin in order to come close to us. Dropped into hostile territory, Christ was hounded and hunted by God’s arch enemy, Satan, from the moment of his birth. The ultimate showdown between Christ and Satan came as He entered the Garden of Gethsemane and later died on the cross. God’s longing to be with us is so strong that He was willing to endure all that Satan could unleash on Him. Such are the wonders of God’s love.



An ancient, worn street in Sepphoris, Capital of Galilee – Photo ©Schultz

Jesus’ story begins in the unremarkable town of Nazareth when the angel Gabriel visited Mary. Nestled atop a ridge overlooking the _____ Valley in Northern Israel, Nazareth was just an hour’s walk (four miles) away from Sepphoris, the _____ of Galilee. Restored and fortified under the rule of Herod Antipas in the days of Jesus,

Sepphoris became the largest city in Galilee. Josephus, a Roman-Jewish historian born shortly after Jesus’ death, called this amazing city the “ornament of all _____.” It’s likely that Jesus, a *tehton*, (carpenter or builder) would have worked on the restoration of this remarkable headquarters for the Romans. (Blanks: Jezreel, capital, Galilee)

A. Luke 1:26-35

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After Mary conceives Jesus, she becomes married to Joseph. Together they travel to Bethlehem where she gives birth to Jesus. After being warned in a dream, Joseph flees to Egypt with his wife and newborn son. Later, after King Herod is dead, Joseph is told to take his family back to Canaan where he settles in Nazareth.

This story has echos of Jacob’s son, Joseph, who goes down into Egypt from Canaan. And like Moses, Jesus and his family leave Egypt for the *promised land*.

B. Matthew 3 and 4--Jesus’ public ministry begins with His baptism and the temptations

Notes:

“This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan where John was baptizing.” John 1:28 NIV

Just as at the birth of Jesus, Satan attempted to *physically* destroy the Son of God; so, at the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, Satan seeks to *spiritually* destroy Jesus through three powerful temptations.

C. John 12:1-3--Jesus anointed by Mary

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D. Luke 19:37-38--Sunday’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem

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E. John 13:3-5--Passover foot washing by Jesus

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F. Matthew 26:36-46--The Garden of Gethsemane

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Gethsemane means “oil press”

Jesus’ extreme faith and trust in his father models for us how we too can face our tough times. **Extreme faith is:** 1) _____. It does not gloss over tough times. 2) Is not self-sufficient. It does not go it alone but ask for human and divine help. 3) Seeks one thing—the _____ of God. 4) Presses on in asking for human and divine help. 5) Is not shipwrecked when others fail. It does not withdraw from seeking God when disappointed. 6) Establishes personal _____ before engaging public challenges. (Blanks: Honest, will, victory)

In Gethsemane and at the cross, God revealed the full truth of John 3:16. When Jesus cried out on the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46), He was enduring the awful second death in our place so that we will never have to experience such aloneness. God has gone to great lengths to assure us that we are not alone, that we can have life after death and that our lives do matter. What wondrous love is this!

G. Matthew 16:15--At Ceasarea Philippi, Jesus posed a critical question to his disciples: “Who do men say I am?”

**Presentation No. 8 (5p.m.):
“A Trek into Hostile Territory–Part 2”**



Jesus Boat at Sea of Galilee
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What transformed the frightened, hiding disciples into powerful witnesses for Christ? The transforming power of Jesus’ resurrection! Through three post-resurrection stories, we’ll experience the care and love of Jesus for his individual disciples.