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Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List"
(things God has shown me today)

Wonderful in His Ministry

Christ said, "For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many.". His ministry was short (three and one-half years); nevertheless, it was powerful. As we behold Christ returning from the wilderness in the power of the Spirit after His great victory over Satan, He selected a few followers so that they might be with Him and that He might send them forth. Christ's ministry was three-fold: He went about teaching His followers, preaching the gospel to the poor, and healing the sick. Christ was the most wonderful Teacher that ever came into the world. He taught men the way of salvation and how to enter into the kingdom. He could expound the Old Testament Scriptures until men's hearts burned within them. He gave new and added revelations which form a part of the Holy Scriptures. Christ taught many truths by giving parables. He taught with simplicity and preached with authority.

Christ was the world's greatest Preacher. His messages were freighted with love and power. When this great Preacher preached and taught, He sat and the congregation stood. This is just the reverse order of today in which the preacher stands and the congregation sits.

His miracles were many and mighty. They were an evidence of His Deity. Christ turned water into wine; healed the sick; cleansed the leper; opened the eyes of the blind; cast out demons; multiplied bread; stilled the tempests; raised the dead and forgave sins.

His words were quick and powerful. People were astonished at His doctrine, for He spoke with authority. It is recorded of Him, "Never man spake like this Man." By virtue of His words He instructed the people and healed them. Everything was subject to His words for they were words of truth and life.

The four Gospels writers give us four pictures of this wonderful Christ and His ministry. Matthew, a Jew, writes his Gospel for the Jews and presents Christ in a manner that appeals to Jews. He is presented as their Messiah and King Who came according to the Old Testament prophecies. Mark writes his Gospel for the Romans and presents Christ in a manner that appeals to the Romans, even as the Mighty Conqueror over all evil forces. Luke writes his Gospel for the Greeks and presents Christ as the perfect Man. John writes his Gospel for the church and presents Christ in His Deity. Christ taught the people, preached to the poor and healed the sick without a salary or fees. In His ministry, even as in His nature, He was *wonderful*.

—J. Stauffer, from *The Wonderful Christ*

*Call to Worship from www.ministrymatters.com

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March 22, 2015
Fifth Sunday in Lent

With cheerful hearts, we welcome all who have come to glorify the One in whose image we are made. Please join hearts and hands in true worship of our Lord and Savior.

Call to Worship

This is the hour of worship and praise.
Thanks be to God who draws us to this place and time.
This is the time of commitment and witness.
Praise be to God who opens our hearts and minds to God's grace.
Come, let us worship the Lord!*

Announcements

- **March 24 -26** - Annual Ministerial Convention
- **March 29** - Palm/Passion Sunday/Communion Sunday
- **April 3** - 8:00 p.m. - Community Good Friday service
- **April 4 -** 10:00 a.m. -Easter pageant practice
- **April 5 - EASTER**
  - **6:30 a.m. -** Community Sunrise Service
  - **11:00 a.m. -** Special Easter Service
  - A special self-denial offering for Conference Home Missions, to help spread the gospel in America, will be received. Pray and plan now what to give.
  - Missionaries Bev Fay and Ruth Moulton will be speaking in the evening service.
- **Every** Sunday through Palm Sunday - 2:00 p.m. - Choir rehearsal (at the Reformed church) for the community Good Friday service.

If you would like to contribute toward an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one, to decorate the church Easter Sunday, please see Merylin Ellis.

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m. — FRIDAY: Women's Fellowship 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Requests

- **This** week we are praying especially for our sister church at **Scotts Patent.** The interim pastor is Kenny Miles.
- **Continue** to pray for:
  - **S**pecial requests for those on our hearts, especially M. Wood, B. Schenck and Ethel.
  - **Christians** in danger all over the world. **Pray for the families of those who have been martyred recently.**
  - The village of **Middleburgh,** that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - **Missionaries**: the Blackcalfs, B. Fay, the Flings, the Kisers, the Kurtenses, the Mayles, the Millses, R. Moulton, the D. Shermans, J. Sherman; and the Himelicks and others at VICM.
  - Our **young people** - schoolwork, jobs, and life decisions
  - **B**ible Colleges - GBS, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
  - **S**afety and protection for our Armed Forces, especially for those deployed.
  - **O**ur President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- **Pray** for these physical need requests:
  - Don Decker, J. Morford, Warren Babcock, Wesley Hallenbeck, Tim Elmore, Cathy P., Regina Ford, Robert Ford, Ray Richmond, Shirley O., Richard R., Mark V., Kathy M., Doug Canfield, G. Bartholomew, Jim Marquit, Charles & Thelma Heckman, Robert Owens, Mike F., Duane and Dorothea Maxey.
- **From** Early Woodland:
  - Joyce, Ruth, Harry C., Lee
- *Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.*

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*
OT	Numbers 33:40-35:34	Numbers 36:1-Deuteronomy 1:46	Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29	Deuteronomy 4:1-49
NT	Luke 5:12-28	Luke 5:29-6:11	Luke 6:12-38	Luke 6:39-7:10
PSA	Psalm 65:1-13	Psalm 66:1-20	Psalm 67:1-7	Psalm 68:1-18
PROV	Proverbs 22	Proverbs 23	Proverbs 24	Proverbs 25

Thursday	*Friday*	*Saturday*	*Sunday*
Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25	Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20	Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22	Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32
Luke 7:11-35	Luke 7:36-8:3	Luke 8:4-21	Luke 8:22-39
Psalm 68:19-35	Psalm 69:1-18	Psalm 69:19-36	Psalm 70:1-5
Proverbs 26	Proverbs 27	Proverbs 28	Proverbs 29

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Other announcements
& prayer requests