

## Look At The Christ

By Ronnie Scherffius

One of the most well-known paintings of Leonardo da Vinci is “The Last Supper.” Though fraught with biblical contradictions, it stands as the classic representation of Jesus with His apostles on this momentous occasion. Legend says that when Leonardo first revealed the painting to friends, they noted the attention to detail the artist had given, particularly to the fringe of the table cloth. Disgusted, da Vinci wiped away the ornate border and demanded, “Look at the Christ.”

If you could paint a picture of the Christ from any Old Testament figure, who would you choose? Here are a few suggestions: Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his brothers; Moses, the great lawgiver; David, the shepherd king who slew Goliath; Solomon, the king who built the temple of the Lord; Isaac, who was offered as a sacrifice by his father. However, King Saul provides a picture of the Christ unlike any prominent men of the Old Testament noted above. The following parallels are provided for your study and consideration.

**First, consider that Saul, like Jesus, was a son of exception.** Saul is identified as “a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people” (1 Sam. 9:1-2). Without controversy, Jesus was a son of exception. He is “the only begotten son” of God (Jn. 3:16). When Jesus preached, “he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes” (Mt. 7:29). Seeing Jesus’ miracles the people declared, “We never saw it on this

fashion” (Mk. 2:12). Jesus, the Son of God was truly a Son of exception.

**Second, note that when first introduced to Saul, he is seeking his father’s lost possessions:** “And the asses of Kish Saul’s father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses” (1 Sam. 9:3). Jesus also was sent to do His father’s will (Lk. 2:49; Jn. 6:38), seeking lost humanity. “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Lk. 19:10; cf. Mt. 1:21; 1 Tim. 1:15).

**The third picture of Jesus seen in Saul is the involvement of a man of God in their anointing.** Samuel, the man of God (1 Sam. 9:7-8, 10), anointed Saul to be king over Israel (1 Sam. 10:1). Though anointed with the Spirit by God (cf. Lk. 4:18), the Spirit descended on Christ after His baptism by John (Jn. 1:28-34).

**The fourth illustration of Jesus pictured in the life of Saul is the wondering of the people.** After being anointed, Saul prophesied among the “company of prophets” (1 Sam. 10:9-10). Following this, all who knew Saul wondered and said, “What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?” (1 Sam. 10:11). After Jesus was anointed by the Spirit of God and returned to Nazareth, those who had known Him “bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth” (Lk. 4:22; cf. Mk. 6:2-3; Jn. 6:42; 7:14-15).

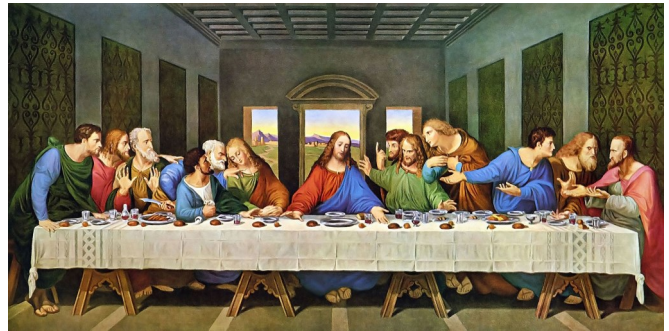
**A fifth demonstration of the striking parallel between Saul and Jesus is that**

***the work of each man was, at the first, hidden.*** Saul did not immediately tell others he was anointed to be king: “And Saul’s uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you. And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not” (1 Sam. 10:15-16). Similarly, Jesus did not reveal himself at the beginning of His ministry. At the marriage in Cana (Jn. 2:1-11), though He performed His first miracle, Jesus kept his true work hidden: “mine hour is not yet come” (Jn 2:4). Jesus continued this throughout His ministry and charged His apostles to, “tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ” (Mt. 16:20; cf. Mk. 9:9-10; Lk. 8:56).

***The sixth picture of Jesus in king Saul is that both men were rejected by their own people.*** When Saul was identified by Samuel “the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace” (10:27). Similarly, we see that Jesus “was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world

knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not” (Jn. 1:10-11). Furthermore, when Jesus was rejected, He also “held his peace” (cf. Isa. 53:7; Mt. 26:63; 27:12-14; Lk. 23:9).

These are but a handful of the unlikely parallels between the life of King Saul and King Jesus. In truth, there are in total no less than sixteen similarities that could be considered! The point to be emphasized is, the Bible in its entirety is a demonstration of the Christ. When you read the Scriptures, Look at the Christ.



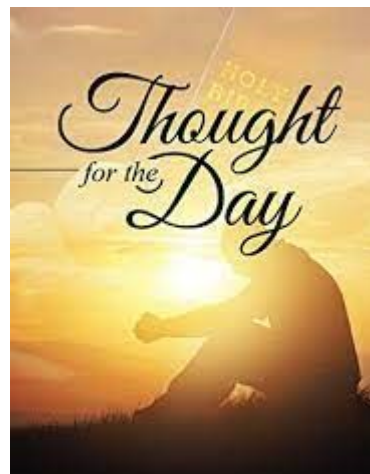
## The least of all the saints

Article Selected

When you consider the Christians you have known, who would you say was “the least”? Would you say it was the guy who couldn’t (or wouldn’t) beat his addiction to alcohol? Would you say it was the lady who always smelled like she hadn’t had a bath in weeks? Would you say it was the man who came for a while, fell away, came back, fell away again, and came back again but was lukewarm at best and was never really involved? Whoever you would identify as “the least of all the saints,” how would you compare yourself to that person?

It would be hard to not think of them as being “lower” than you. Notice how “the great apostle Paul” (as we call him) identified himself— “To me, who am less than the least of all the saints” (Eph. 3:8). Paul did not even put himself on the same level as “the least.” He said he was

“less than the least of all the saints.” Question: Do we have that kind of humility? If not, why not? What are we doing to humble ourselves?



Upcoming Events

Mon. Nov. 22—Teen Bible Basics @ 6:30pm

Sun. Dec. 5– Monthly Potluck luncheon after morning worship.

Dec. 19—White Elephant gift exchange at the building after evening worship services. Please bring a gift for the exchange.

Dec. 31—New Year’s Eve fellowship at the building @ 7pm. Please bring games and finger foods.

Registration for the Southwest Youth retreat at Camp Hensel has begun.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests

The family of Freddie Vigil. Freddie passed away from COVID.

The family of Mike McVey. Mike passed away last week from ALS.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Les Daltry, Scott DeDear, Ken and Sandra Marie, Ann Pantel, Veronica Serenil, Clark Withers, Dee Gilpatrick, Faye Henderson, Sandy Malone.

Food Helpers for the month of November - Team A.  
There is a list of teams on the bulletin board. If you would like to be added to the list, please see Lupe.

If you have any prayer requests or upcoming events to be announced, please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030.

Service Roster

Week of November 21, 2021

Sunday Morning

Announcements.....Jesse Moser  
Scripture Reading.....Kirk FitzSimmons  
Song Leader .....Rick Bass

Opening Prayer..... Lupe Escojido  
Closing Prayer..... Kevin Sheeran

Lord’s Supper & Offering

Bread..... Ronnie Scherffius  
Cup..... Ron White  
Offering..... Lupe Escojido  
Assist.....Fred Scherffius  
Assist..... Clifton Rutherford  
Assist..... Will Burleson

Sunday Evening

Announcements.....Jesse Moser  
Song Leader .....Isaac Jobes

Opening Prayer..... Ron White  
Closing Prayer..... Mark FitzSimmons

Lord’s Supper & Offering.....Lupe Escojido & Clifton Rutherford

Wednesday Evening

Adult Class..... Ronnie Scherffius  
Song Leader .....Kirk FitzSimmons  
Devotional .....Bryant Siegel

Other

Usher.....Allen Clifton  
Prepare Communion ..... Bass

Congregational News

Birthdays

Harvey Rampley .....Nov. 26  
Les Daltry.....Nov. 27  
Melanie Pantel..... Nov. 27

## Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons  
Ronnie Scherffius  
Ron White

## Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism  
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence  
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

## Our Preacher

Ronnie Scherffius

## Weekly Reading

*“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath  
bestowed upon us, that we should be called the  
sons of God.”  
1 John 3:1a*

## Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

## Attendance Records

Week of November 14, 2021

A.M. Bible Class.....58  
A.M. Worship.....70  
P.M. Worship.....48  
Wednesday Bible Class.....45  
Offering week of November 14, 2021.....\$ 3,026

## Supported Works

Mani Pagidipalli *India*  
John & Carla Moore *Bible Land Passages*  
Anthony Scherffius *Southwest School of Bible Studies*

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