# CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE

SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

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# The Song of the Idiot

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For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the **Simplicity** 

(singularity of focus) that is in Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:2-3

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

#### 1 Corinthians 2:2

### What Must I do to be Saved?

Seven Really Smart Sounding Wrong Answers

- 1. Saved by Understanding How God Saves The Salvation Scientist
- 2. Saved by Standing against those who think they are saved by understanding How God Saves the Self-Righteous
- 3. Saved by Having Extensive Knowledge On Issues Pertaining to the Savior The Catachism Champion
- 4. Saved by Religious Actions The Sacramentalist
- 5. Saved by Proximity The Tepid Churchgoer
- 6. Saved by What I Didn't Do The Moralist

7. Saved by human goodness and compassion - the Humanitarian

## The Answer is Always Jesus

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# The Foolish Things

We are fools for Christ's sake . . .

#### 1 Corinthians 4:10a

- Christ Crucified (a stumbling block, foolishness)
- The Gospel (the foolishness of God)
- The Things of the Spirit of God (they are foolishness to natural man)
- Preaching (foolishness)
- The Preacher (weak, contemptible, unskilled a.k.a. foolish)

Paul - his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.

#### 2 Corinthians 10:10

*Idiōtēs -* ē-dē-ō'-tās

seemingly unlearned, appearing unskilled, and lacking intelligence

But though I be  $idi\bar{o}t\bar{e}s$  in speech . . .

2 Corinthians 11:6

I came to you not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God... my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

**1 Corinthians 2:1,4-5** 

For Christ sent me . . . to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

1 Corinthians 1:17

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise . . . That no flesh should glory in His presence.

1 Corinthians 1:27,29

The Idiot's Worship

Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? . . . when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? . . . And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?

### John 12:5, Matthew 26:8, Mark 14:4

# Solymo and His Solyma

Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee . . . Song of Solomon 6:13

The translation into the word "Shulamite" is unhappy: it is unmusical, and misses the meaning. The Hebrew word is a feminine of "Solomon." "Solomon" may stand for the bridegroom's name, and then the well-beloved bride takes her husband's name in a feminine form of it, which is Shulamith, Salome, or perhaps better "Solyma." The King has named his name upon her, and as Caius has his Caiia, So Solomon has his Solyma. He is the Prince of Peace, and she is the Daughter of Peace. Aforetime she was called "the fairest among women," but now she is espoused unto her Lord, and has a fullness of peace. Therefore is she called the Peace-laden, or the Peace-crowned. You know how truly it is so with the justified in Christ Jesus. Because the sound is sweeter, and the sense is clearer, permit me to read the text thus—"Return, return, O Solyma: return, return, that we may look upon thee."

### **Charles Spurgeon**

(S#1794-SS6:13)

# Solyma's Worship - Part One

While the king is at his table, my spikenard sends forth its fragrance.

Song of Solomon 1:12

### Solyma:

You come to dine with the lowly. You grace, with Thy holy presence, the stable of Bethlehem, the camp of the leper, and the house of the sinner. And now you enter my dwelling, O condescending King? You knock upon my door of earthy coldness and offer to bring upon me Thy heavenly Please, dear Solymo, I dare not decline Thy sweet mercies. Please come to my table and sit with me. My house is Thine, forever and always Thine. Live here, take my bed as Thy own, take my couch as Thy place of recline, stoke my fire with Thy sacred Oil, and eat of the entirety of my pantry. Sit, sit, dear Lord. Sit here and allow me to worship at Thy feet. Allow me to pour out upon Thy head and Thy feet my most precious holdings. This box of spikenard, my most precious possession, I empty upon Thee. And If there be more of value in this house, I pray I find it, for I wish to pour it out as well. May you be the depository of my life, the sacred vault of my every jewel, and may I pour all I am and all I have into Thee. May I be in You as You are in Me. And, please, dear King of sweet mercies, may I one day dine at Thy banqueting table, and share in the eternal feast of Thy Person in Thy heavenly home.

Song #1

### Who is this Jesus?

For in Him (Jesus) dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily . . . For it pleased the Father that in Him (Jesus) should all fullness dwell . . .

#### **Colossians 2:9; 1:19**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . .

John 1:1,14

I and my Father are one.

John 10:30

# Is He Worthy of our Spikenard?

31 Reasons why the Answer is Yes

- 1. He must prove the Son of God Psalm 2:6-9; Luke 1:30-35
- 2. He must prove the Seed of the Woman Genesis 3:14-15; Galatians 4:4
- 3. He must prove the Seed of Abraham Genesis 17:7-8; Galatians 3:16
- 4. He must prove the Seed of Isaac Genesis 21:12; Hebrews 11:17-19
- 5. He must prove the Seed of David Psalm 132:11; Acts 13:22-23; Romans 1:1-4
- 6. He must be born of a virgin. He must be Immanuel, God with us Isaiah 7:14; Luke 2:7; Matthew 1:18-23
- 7. He must be born in Bethlehem Judea Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-6
- 8. Kings must fall down before him offering gifts Psalm 72:10-11; Matthew 2:1-11
- 9. He must be called out of Egypt Hosea 11:1; Matthew 2:13-15
- 10. Elijah must come before Him Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1; Malachi 4:5; Matthew 3:1-3; Matthew 11:9-15; Matthew 17:10-12

- 11. He must be anointed with the Spirit Psalm 45:7; Matthew 3:16
- 12. His ministry must commence in Galilee Isaiah 9:1-2; Matthew 4:12-19
- 13. He must enter Jerusalem riding upon a colt Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:1-5
- 14. He must be undesirable to many Isaiah 53:1; Mark 6:3
- 15. He must be meek Isaiah 42:1-3; Matthew 12:14
- 16. He must be without guile Isaiah 53:9; 1 Peter 2:21-25
- 17. He must be consumed with zeal for God's House Psalm 69:9; John 2:13-22
- 18. He must bear the reproach Psalm 22; Romans 15:3
- 19. He must be betrayed by a friend Psalm 41:9; John 13:18-19
- 20. The sheep must be scattered Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 26:31,56
- 21. He must be sold for thirty pieces of silver and the Potter's field must be purchased with the money Zechariah 11:12-13; Matthew 26:15; Matthew 27:3
- 22. He must be numbered with the Criminals Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 15:27-30
- 23. He must go silently as a Lamb unto Slaughter Isa 53:7; Act 8:32
- 24. He must make intercession for his murderers Isaiah 53:12; Luke 23:34
- 25. Lots must be cast for His clothing Psalm 22:18; John 19:24
- 26. He must die Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:50-54
- 27. His bones must not be broken Exodus 12:46; Psalm 34:20; John 19:33-36
- 28. He must be pierced Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34
- 29. He must rise again from the dead Psalm 16:10; Luke 24:6-8
- 30. He must ascend Psalm 68:18; Luke 24:51-53
- 31. He must sit at the right hand of God Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 1:3

### The Word of God Made Flesh

The Word of God in Letter is now the Word of God in Life
The Word of God in Law is now the Word of God in Spirit and Truth
The Word of God in Proverb is now the Word of God in Person

- Jesus is the Law of God become Flesh
- Jesus is the Sacrifices, the Feasts, the Sabbaths, The Jubilee, and the Tabernacle/Temple become Flesh
- Jesus is the Wisdom of God become Flesh
- Jesus is the Prophecy of God become of Flesh
- Jesus is the Histories of Israel become Flesh
- In other words, Jesus is the Word of God become Flesh

### Jesus is the Manifold Revelation of the God of the Old Testament

Jesus is El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty) Genesis 17:1

Jesus is El Elyon (The Most High God) Genesis 14:18

Jesus is Adonai (Lord, Master) Genesis 15:2

Jesus is Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah) Genesis 2:4

Jesus is Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner, The Lord My Miracle) Exodus 17:15

Jesus is Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd) Psalm 23

Jesus is Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals) Exodus 15:26

Jesus is Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There) Ezekiel 48:35

Jesus is Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness) Jeremiah 23:6

Jesus is Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You, The Lord Who Makes Holy)

Exodus 31:13

**Jesus** is El Olam (The Everlasting God, The God of Eternity, The God of the Universe, The God of Ancient Days) Genesis 21:33

Jesus is Elohim (God, Judge, Creator) Genesis 1:1

Jesus is Qanna (Jealous) Exodus 20:5

Jesus is Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide) Genesis 22:14

Jesus is Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace) Judges 6:24

Jesus is Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts, The Lord of Powers) 1 Samuel 1:3

# Solyma's Worship - Part Two

The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, he stands behind our wall; He is looking through the windows, gazing through the lattice.

### Song of Solomon 2:8-9

#### Solyma:

Hush, oh my soul! For my Lover speaks! May I not miss even a syllable of His sweet mercies spoken, may I not miss even the hindmost piece of one of His phrases of love. Oh, how desperately I long for Him, for His voice, for His powerful Person. Behold, He is majestic and crowned with strength and might. He is my hero, my champion, my salvation. He charges the thunderous mountains of His Holiness and climbs them as the most skillful stag, and dances upon their highest cliffs like a fearless

gazelle. He has conquered the teeming and boiling wrath of the Holy mountain and has brought it under His submission. He has tamed it, and calmed its fiery and seething storm. It bows down to His prancing hind feet, It lies low beneath His Triumph. He is the master of the high places, and he desires to take me there. Hush, oh my soul! For my Lover speaks! He is at my window. Quick, I must open it that His grace might light my temple. Oh sweet Solymo, you beckon me with Thy sweet love. you woo me with Thy regal smile. You love me. Oh Prince of Perfection, You love me!

# Song #2

## How Should we Treat this King?

The Word of God in Text - Tremble at it - Isaiah 66;2,5 The Word of God made Flesh - Tremble before Him

The Word of God in Text - Receive it with all readiness, and search it daily - Acts 17:11

The Word of God made Flesh - Receive Him with all readiness, and search His heart and mind daily in order to serve him better and love him more

**The Word in Text** - Receive it in much affliction - 1 Thessalonians 1:6 **The Word of God made Flesh** - Receive Him in much affliction

The Word of God in Text - Receive it as, it is in Truth, the Word of God - 1 Thessalonians 2:13 The Word of God made Flesh - Receive Him as, He is in Truth, God Himself

The Word of God in Text - Receive it gladly - Acts 2:41 The Word of God made Flesh - Receive Him gladly

The Word of God in Text - Keep it, follow it, bend to it, and revere it - 1 John 2:5

The Word of God made Flesh - Keep Him in the center of your heart, follow Him, bend to His way, and revere Him

The Word of God in Text - Treat it as precious - 1 Samuel 3:1
The Word of God made Flesh - Treat Him as precious

The Word of God in Text - Let it always reside on your tongue - 2 Samuel 23:2

The Word of God made Flesh - Let the singular message of "Jesus and Him Crucified" always reside on your tongue

**The Word of God in Text** - Let it perform that which it promises, let it build the temple, let it be verified in your life, let it bring you the rest of God - 1 Kings 8:20, 26, 56

**The Word of God made Flesh** - Let Him perform that which He promises, let Him build you into His temple, let Him be verified in your life, let Him bring you the rest of God

**The Word of God in Text** - Conform to its pattern for carrying the Holy Presence of God - 1 Chronicles 15:15

The Word of God made Flesh - Bare the Holy Presence of God in the same manner He did

**The Word of God in Text** - Be always mindful of it, abide in its reality, live in the shadow of its sublime truth - 1 Chronicles 16:8

The Word of God made Flesh - Be always mindful of Him, abide in Him, live in the shadow of His wings

The Word of God in Text - Praise it and trust it - Psalm 56:4,10 The Word of God made Flesh - Praise Him and trust Him

The Word of God in Text - Publish it - Psalm 68:11

The Word of God made Flesh - Publish His Life by demonstrating His power at work in you

The Word of God in Text - Listen to it, Heed its every utterance - Psalm 103:20 The Word of God made Flesh - Listen to His voice, Heed His every utterance

**The Word of God in Text** - Allow it to try your soul, purify your heart, and prune your life - Psalm 105:19

The Word of God made Flesh - Allow Him to try your soul, purify your heart, and prune your life

**The Word of God in Text** - Hide it in your heart, cherish it in your innermost being, protect it as your most sacred possession - Psalm 119:11

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**The Word of God in Text** - Hide it in your heart, cherish it in your innermost being, protect it as your most sacred possession - Psalm 119:11

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The Word of God in Text - Never forget it - Psalm 119:16 The Word of God made Flesh - Never forget Him **The Word of God in Text** - Be quickened by its power, its grace, its majesty - Psalm 119:50 **The Word of God made Flesh** - Be quickened by His power, His grace, and His majesty

**The Word of God in Text** - Allow it to be your strength - Psalm 119:28 **The Word of God made Flesh** - Allow Him to be your strength

**The Word of God in Text** - Trust in it - Psalm 119:42 **The Word of God made Flesh** - Trust in Him

The Word of God in Text - Hope in it - Psalm 119:81 The Word of God made Flesh - Hope in Him

**The Word of God in Text** - Love it and delight in its purity - Psalm 119:140 **The Word of God made Flesh** - Love Him and delight in His purity

The Word of God in Text - Meditate on it - Psalm 119:148
The Word of God made Flesh - Meditate on Him

**The Word of God in Text** - Let it be the joy and rejoicing of your heart - Jeremiah 15:16 **The Word of God made Flesh** - Let Him be the joy and rejoicing of your heart

**The Word of God in Text** - Let it be your sustenance, the food of your soul, the life of your being - Matthew 4:4

The Word of God made Flesh - Let Him be your sustenance, the food of your soul, the life of your being

## This Perfect Holy Jesus Shed His Blood for Me

- 1. for atonement (Romans 5:11) and a propitiation a just and satisfying offering in my stead (Romans 3:25)
- 2. for my justification from sin (Romans 5:9)
- 3. for the forgiveness of my sins (Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14, Hebrews 9:7)
- 4. for the remission of my sins. (Matthew 26:28, Romans 3:25, Hebrews 9:22)
- 5. for the cleansing, washing from all sin (1 John 1:7, Revelation 1:5, Revelation 7:14)
- 6. for the purging of my conscience (Hebrews 9:14)
- 7. for my peace (Colossians 1:20)
- 8. for my reconciliation unto Christ (Colossians 1:20)

- 9. for righteousness (Romans 3:22, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 3:9)
- 10. for the purpose of saving me from the wrath that will come (Romans 5:9)
- 11. for the destruction of the devil (Hebrews 2:14)
- 12. for overcoming the Devil (Revelation 12:11)
- 13. for redemption, eternal redemption for the purchase of my very being (Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14, Hebrews 9:12, Revelation 5:9, Acts 20:28)
- 14. for the purpose of giving me life within, eternal life (John 6:53,54)
- 15. for the bringing back to life (Hebrews 13:20)
- 16. for my sanctification (Hebrews 10:29; Hebrews 13:12)
- 17. for my spiritual and physical healing (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24)
- 18. for boldness to enter in to the Holy of Holies, the very presence of God (Hebrews 10:19)
- 19. for the purpose of enabling me to make my daily, hourly, minute-by-minute home in Christ Jesus (John 6:56)

### I Can Be Found IN Him

- In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. (Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14)
- In whom also we have obtained an inheritance. (Ephesians 1:11)
- In whom you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise. (Ephesians 1:13)
- In whom you also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:22)
- In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. (Ephesians 3:12)

- In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:3)
- In whom also you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ. (Colossians 2:11)
- In whom you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. (1 Peter 1:8)

## When upon this Earth He was,

Obedient (Philemon 2:8), Meek, Lowly (Matthew 11:29), Guileless (1 Peter 2:22), Tempted (Hebrews 4:15), Oppressed (Isaiah 53:7), Despised (Isaiah 53:3), Rejected (Isaiah 53:3), Betrayed (Matthew 27:3), Condemned (Mark 14:64), Reviled (1 Peter 2:23), Scourged (John 19:1), Mocked (Matthew 27:29), Wounded (Isaiah 53:5), Bruised (Isaiah 53:5), Stricken (Isaiah 53:4), Smitten (Isaiah 53:4), Crucified (Matthew 27:35), Forsaken (Psalm 22:1)

# But through it all He is still,

Merciful (Hebrews 2:17), Faithful (Hebrews 2:17), Holy, Harmless (Hebrews 7:26), Undefiled (Hebrews 7:26), Separate (Hebrews 7:26), Perfect (Hebrews 5:9), Glorious (Isaiah 49:5), Mighty (Isaiah 63:1), Justified (1 Timothy 3:16), Exalted (Acts 2:33), Risen (Luke 24:6), Glorified (Acts 3:13),

## And He is,

My Portion, My Maker, My Husband (Isaiah 54:5), My Well-beloved (Song of Solomon 1:13), My Savior (2 Peter 3:18), My Hope (1 Timothy 1:1), My Brother (Mark 3:35), My Helper (Hebrews 13:6), My Physician (Jeremiah 8:22), My Healer (Luke 9:11), My Refiner (Malachi 3:3), My Purifier (Malachi 3:3), My Lord, Master (John 13:13), My Servant (Luke 12:37), My Example (John 13:15), My Teacher (John 3:2), My Shepherd (Psalm 23:1), My Keeper (John 17:12), My Feeder (Ezekiel 34:23), My Leader (Isaiah 40:11), My Restorer (Psalm 23:3), My Resting-place (Jeremiah 50:6), My Meat(John 6:55), My Drink (John 6:55), My Passover (1 Corinthians 5:7), My Peace (Ephesians 2:14), My Wisdom (1

Corinthians 1:30), My Righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30), My Sanctification (1 Corinthians 1:30), My Redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30), My All in All (Colossians 3:11)

## Song #3

## Solyma's Worship - Part Two

My beloved is white and ruddy, chief among ten thousand. His head is like the finest gold; His locks are wavy, and black as a raven. His eyes are like doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set. His cheeks are like a bed of spices, banks of scented herbs. His lips are lilies, dripping liquid myrrh. His hands are rods of gold set with beryl. His body is carved ivory inlaid with sapphires. His legs are pillars of marble set on bases of fine gold. His countenance is like Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. His mouth is most sweet, yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem!

### Song of Solomon 5:10-16

#### Solyma:

Thou art perfect! Utterly perfect in Thy fine beauty! You shine with the sparkle of the purest purity, with the luster of the holiest holiness. You bear the glow of the loveliest lovely, the sweetest sweetness, and the most fragrant fragrance. There is none like Thee! The world with all its glories combined, knit together into one composite beauty, would still pale in the light of Thy hallowed majesty. You shimmer with the greatest greatness, the strongest strength, the most regal regality, the most precious preciousness. You are the mightiest mighty, the most magnificent magnificent, the most powerful power, the most truthful truth, the most handsome handsome, the finest fine, and the most excellent excellence. Thy beauty is above the strength of human language to express. It is

beyond the word grandeur, beyond the word splendor, and it is beyond the word awesome. Thou, Oh heroic Hero of my soul, art everything that is perfect, good, and lovely, all brought together into one glorious bundle of the most fragrant myrrh. And Lord, this bundle of myrrh lies with sacred constancy upon my adoring heart.

### Jesus

As Christians our enemies can strip us of everything - our bibles, our church fellowship, our Christian radio, our Christian books, our comforts and earthly securities. They could freeze our financial accounts and plunder our every earthly possession. They could take us from our families, stick us in a dank, black prison chamber, and even remove every singular earthly pleasure from our life. But there is One thing that they cannot touch, they cannot take, and they cannot obstruct. And that One thing is our Everything.

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# Song #4