



# **SOUTH JACKSON BEACON**

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## ***The Life of Jesus in Six Short Phrases***

The Bible is characterized by the summation of eternal, great truths in short paragraphs. We make the mistake of reading these verses without giving thought to the astounding truths found in them. One of these passages is the summation of the life of Jesus in six short phrases and written by Paul to Timothy (1 Tim. 3:16).

The passage begins with these words, “Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness...” The evidence is such that to honest observers it is beyond doubt. It then continues with these words about Jesus, “God was...”

**“Manifested in the flesh...”** Jesus was there in the beginning (John 1:1) and deity emptied Himself and was made into a mortal man. He was Immanuel and dwelt among us and was a visible manifestation of the glory of God (Phil. 2:6-8; Matt. 1:23; John 1:14).

**“Justified in the Spirit...”** Not justified as we are for He had no sin. He was justified, vindicated by the Holy Spirit who raised Him from the dead (Rom. 8:11). He claimed to be the Son of God, and they called Him, “Beelzebub.” The Holy Spirit vindicated Him by empowering the Son of God to cast out demonic spirits. His words on that day were, “If I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you” (Matt. 12:28). Every miracle He performed vindicated His claim of being the Son of God.

**“Seen by angels...”** While this may have reference to the angels who from heaven desired to understand what the prophets foretold about His coming (1 Pet. 1:12), it more likely refers to the emphasis found in the New Testament. The word angels simply means messengers and is also applied to men (Matt. 11:10; Mark 1:2; Luke 7:24; James 2:25). The New Testament places great emphasis on those apostles and early Christians who saw the resurrected Lord and told others about it (Luke 24:48; Acts 1:8; 2:32; etc.).

**“Preached among the Gentiles...”** The mystery of God centers around the inclusion of the Gentiles (Eph. 3:6), and His messengers carried the gospel to every creature on earth (Col. 1:23).

**“Believed on in the world...”** The message was not only preached, it was believed—not by just a few in a limited isolated places. The New Testament world saw His believers.

**“Received up in glory...”** The life of Jesus does not end at Golgotha’s cross. He was raised, and the witnesses saw Him ascend into glory. The message of Pentecost and throughout the world to every creature was God raised Him from the dead to reign (Acts 2:32-33) until the last enemy is destroyed.

Take time to think about His life in these six “words.”

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# Congregational News & Notes

## Prayer Requested

### Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,  
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,  
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,  
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell  
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,  
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson  
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,  
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,  
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis  
Charles & Ruby Malone,  
Jeff Bliss, Ronald Clouse,  
Phillip Mullins, Gordon Love

### Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris  
Beverly Martindale, Betty Turner  
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,  
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,  
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen  
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,  
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett  
Ramona Thurston, April Richey

### Today's Sermons

AM - Jesus Christ  
John 1:1-3

PM - Singing Night

### Pantry Item

Jelly

## Happenings

### South Jackson

We will be meeting at our  
regularly scheduled times on  
December 25th and Jan 1st.

### Cards to Send

Phillip Mullins  
685 Chester Levee Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

Margie Montgomery  
C/O Karen Briscoe  
168 Cotton Ridge Drive  
Jackson, TN 38305

### Weekly Record

6 AM	6
Bible Class	49/5
AM Worship	90/28
PM Worship	48/10
Wed Bible Study	48/3
Contribution	3062



# Those Privileged to Serve

## Dec 25 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Carleton Kidder

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

## Jan 1 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, J. Butcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Van McConnell

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Ronald Clouse

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack  
Opening Prayer: Mike Wages

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Ray Pack

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher  
Opening Prayer: Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Paul Hatcher

## Dec 28 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Devo - Mike Wages

## Jan 4 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Devo - Marion Thomas

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## Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM