

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S GROUP FOR 2011

MEETS THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH EXCEPT DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER WHEN THERE IS A SINGLE MEETING FOR BOTH MONTHS ON DECEMBER 10.

TIME: 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

WHERE: AT GRACE

This year we are going to follow a curriculum entitled: Who is Jesus?

This study explores the person, ministry, and meaning of Jesus through titles and images used by the early disciples to confess the impact of Jesus on their lives.

Below are dates, topics, and scriptures.

Saturday, January 29 SON OF DAVID MATTHEW 21: 1-11

Saturday, February 26 SON OF MAN ACTS 7: 54-60

Saturday, March 26 LAMB OF GOD JOHN 1:19-36

Saturday, April 30 LIBERATOR LUKE 13: 10-17

Saturday, May 28 SERVANT JOHN 13:1-20

Saturday, June 25 LORD JOHN 20:19-29

Saturday, July 30 MESSIAH MATTHEW 16:13-26

Saturday, August 27 JUDGE MATTHEW 25:31-46

Saturday, September 24 SAVIOR LUKE 19-1-10

Saturday, October 29 TEACHER/RABBI LUKE 10:25-37

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10—only session not on last Saturday- LIGHT OF THE WORLD JOHN CHAPTER 9.

SYMBOL INFORMATION



SON OF DAVID

The star of David is also known to the Jewish people as the shield of David. The six points refer to God's attributes: power, wisdom, majesty, love, mercy, and justice.



SON OF MAN

The human figure represents Jesus' human nature as well as the "one like a Son of Man" described in Daniel 7:13-14. This Son of Man is pictured as having everlasting and complete authority and power over all that is.



LAMB OF GOD

The triumphant lamb, *Agnus Dei*, stands with an unfurled banner, symbolizing Christ's victory over death.



LIBERATOR

The broken chain represents the radical changes and reversals of the social and spiritual order called for by the liberating acts of God in Jesus.



SERVANT

The towel, basin, and pitcher remind us of Jesus' act of servanthood in the washing of the disciples' feet.



LORD

The orb (the world) and the cross symbolize Jesus' authority over the whole world as one whose lordship was confirmed by his triumph over death.



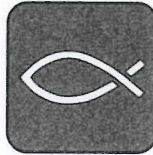
MESSIAH

The flask and drops of oil remind us of those used by Samuel to anoint Saul and David. The word *messiah* means "the anointed one" and initially applied to all of Israel's kings. The Jewish people were looking for a new messiah to free them from Roman rule when Jesus appeared on the scene.



JUDGE

A set of balances serves as the symbol of the justice or judgment that will be administered by Jesus the Judge at the Final Judgment.



SAVIOR

Persecuted Christians used the fish to convey a message to other Christians without the message being understood by the Romans. The Greek word for fish forms an acrostic meaning "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior."



TEACHER/RABBI

The scroll reminds us that Jesus was a teacher and expert in interpreting the Torah, the Law. Like other rabbis, Jesus told stories to make a point or to challenge assumptions.



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The candle, often used in pairs, represents Jesus as the Light of the World, the one who brings healing and wholeness to those shattered by the trials of life.



GOOD SHEPHERD

The shepherd's staff or crook reminds us that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, cared for God's people as a shepherd cares for a flock. The staff, now known as a crozier, has become a symbol of the bishop's task in congregational life.



SON OF GOD

The descending dove represents the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism with the confirmation of Jesus as "my Son, the Beloved."