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Vision: Loving God, Loving Each Other, Loving Lost People

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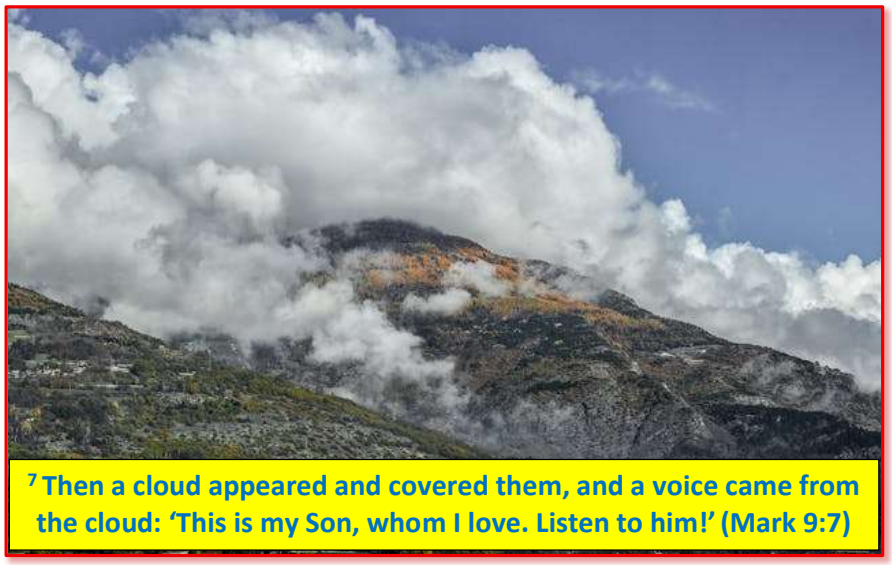

[7] Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!' (Mark 9:7)

Sunday 26th April 2026

Series: The magnificence of the Messiah

Part XII: Messiah – Who He is!

Mark 9:2-12

Simon Downing

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – Clive's band will be leading worship before Simon brings us Part X1I of our series, 'The Magnificence of the Messiah'. The title of his talk will be 'Messiah – Who He is' based on Mark 9v2-12. This follows on directly from last week's sermon when we asked, 'Who is He?' Don't miss this as it is the final talk in this series.

Of course, we do hope you can join us for the service in the church but if you can't actually join us, you will be able to access the service at any time by going to - https://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons

NEXT SUNDAY'S FAMILY SERVICE – 3rd May. Do join us for our monthly family service as Simon and his band lead us in inspiring worship! This service may have a new twist – so don't miss it!

BREAKFAST TIME – 9:30AM (All Ages Welcome) - Before the service, we invite you to Breakfast Time, open to everyone! This is a relaxed and welcoming space to share food, friendship, and conversation. It's a place to build relationships, show hospitality, and extend kindness and generosity - helping everyone feel valued and that they truly belong. Don't miss this chance to connect, celebrate, and worship together!

ANDRE GAUDOIN - Andre's thanksgiving service will be held here on April 29th at 11.30am. Please come and thank God for Andre's life and also support Heather and Philip Gaudoin as they come to terms with the loss of their brother.

THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM – We're holding a baptismal service on **May 10th** — a joyful celebration of lives made new in Christ! If you're a believer and haven't yet been baptised, why not take time to pray and ask: "Is now the moment to take this step?" Baptism is a beautiful declaration of faith — a public "yes" to Jesus, and a powerful picture of new life. We have even bought some new handrails to ensure your safety. If you'd like to explore this further, we'd love to chat with you. Simon and Derek

CAN YOU HELP? For health & safety reasons we are asking for volunteers who are qualified first aiders or medical professionals to be available on a Sunday mornings for emergency cover as our church is growing. Hopefully we can then create a workable rota.
Also we are asking for help to monitor the car parking on a Sunday morning - making sure where possible that drivers park at the back by the hedges first and avoid parking near the junction between Sefton Road and Gossamer Lane. Hopefully we can then again put together a rota. If you can help us in either of these health & safety aspects of our church, please contact me John Bell on 07583468369. Thank you for your help in advance.

This week's poem

As the mist clears and the light breaks through, the disciples begin to see Jesus not just as they thought He might be — but as He truly is. Today's poem is based on Mark 9:7 - ***"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"***

Who He Is

As the mist clears and the light breaks through, the disciples begin to see Jesus not just as they thought He might be — but as He truly is.

At first, we see Him through the mist,
Like shapes along the shore,
A voice, a figure, half concealed —
We sense that He is more.

Through drifting doubts and questions deep,
Like sea fog on the air,
We hear His call, we walk His way —
Yet still we're not quite there.

Then on the mountain, all at once,
The veil is drawn aside,
The mist gives way to blazing light —
And glory cannot hide.

His face shines bright, His garments gleam,
A glimpse of heaven above,
The Father's voice declares the truth:
"My Son — the One I love."

Though clouds may gather once again
As we return below,
We carry what our eyes have seen —
A deeper, surer know.

For He is more than we first thought,
More than we hoped to see:
The Son of God in radiant light —
Our King in majesty.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

FOODBANK - We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current urgently needed items are: **Biscuits, Tinned vegetables, Tinned tomatoes, UHT milk (blue), Spreads**. Please place them in the donation point on the left-hand side of the church foyer

URGENT CALL – Are you part of a homegroup? If not, please speak to me today. We would love everyone to belong to a group, as they are an integral part of our pastoral care. Derek

PRAYER CORNER

Are you in need of prayer? Then contact one of the leadership team or email contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk for your prayer needs to be circulated.

PRAYER NEEDS

As most of you probably know by now, David Hanchard sadly died this week. Do thank the Lord for his life. He has no close relatives and so the church family is his only family. Do thank the Lord for Brenda who has supported David for many years as he struggled with both his physical and mental health.

Please pray for Cilla following her fall earlier in the week. Cilla has broken her elbow and is struggling to cope. Please pray too that her operation next week goes well. Pray too for Tony, Brinna and Alexander

Please also hold Heather and Philip Gaudoin in prayer as they come to terms with the loss of their brother Andre. Andre's thanksgiving service will be held here on April 29th at 11.30am.

Please pray for Simon as he leads this service, asking that God will sustain and strengthen him. Alongside his many responsibilities, such occasions can carry a significant emotional weight, and we ask that he may know God's peace, wisdom, and renewal at this time.

Please remember the family of Angela Halfacree in your prayers as they mourn her passing.

Jo Lockhart been in hospital with pneumonia but is back home now. Please pray for ongoing healing and peace of mind.
Eileen Miller has also been in hospital but is now back in her care home. Please pray too for ongoing healing and peace of mind.

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