

Redeeming The Time

A Challenge To The End-Time Church In Jesus Christ

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Challenging a faulty, yet popular *truth claim*: “Live only for today. Anything more is sin.” The full Counsel of God’s Word speaks against this imbalance! We are called to take actions today toward God-honoring future goals. Our Lord Jesus modeled this throughout His ministry. Yes, “... Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.” (Mt. 6:34b) Amen. But this call to avoid a worrisome perspective in no way counsels against thoughts and actions on future things.

So let’s *Redeem The Time* in a special way. Would you at least prayerfully consider what’s outlined below?

Anniversaries allow for opportunities which bring potential blessing. Sometime the anniversary is so special, it warrants special attention – like a 50th wedding anniversary. In fact, it’s so special, time preparing for the day of celebration is often given/invested. Children, for example, spend time, energy and money in preparing for the special day to honor their parents.

I’d like to suggest – even years ahead of the upcoming *window of opportunity* – that the Church prayerfully consider INVESTING in a period of celebration concerning Jesus Christ’s public ministry. We are approaching the time when the **2,000-year anniversary** of His (approximately three-year) ministry took place. Would to God we, His Church, prayerfully consider honoring our Lord Jesus in celebration of this most awesome time in history. This includes His sacrifice and resurrection.

I know, I know, immediately we’re met with controversy. “But when was our Lord born – was it in 4 or 5 B.C. or was it in 2 B.C.? We don’t know for sure so we really can’t celebrate because we don’t know the actual period of time He ministered.” “But the Lord ministered two-and-a-half years, not the three-and-a-half years typically represented in a ‘Life of Christ’s Ministry’ chart. As a result, we can’t really celebrate as you’re recommending.” “The Gospel of Luke says (Luke 3:23) He began His ministry at ABOUT thirty years of age. The New Testament record does not give the exact year, therefore we can’t really assume a specific date for your proposed anniversary celebration.” On and on it goes.

Look, we’re not being dogmatic in our proposed celebration. We are not saying, dogmatically, He was born in 2 B.C. We are not saying, dogmatically, that He ministered for three-and-a-half years (as opposed to a two-and-a-half year period). We are not saying, dogmatically, that He was 30 when He started His formal ministry. What we are saying is this: We have a MOST SPECIAL 2,000-year anniversary celebration coming up and we’d like to redeem the opportunity. We will not allow the lack of exact specifics to undermine this effort to exalt our Savior – the LORD of lords and KING of kings.

So how do we proceed from here? Do we lay to rest the idea (don’t celebrate the special period in history)? In other words, do we simply drop the “anniversary” idea? Or, do we move ahead in redeeming this opportunity in spite of our inability to nail down the exact time?

We are suggesting setting aside, in a special way, a period of time which reflects known history: Jesus Christ came and ministered almost 2,000 years ago. As we ramp up to a celebration of this

approximate period, **we have time to “do things right!”** We have time to prepare for this great anniversary celebration. So let’s do it right, could we? Could we honor our heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ in this?

Our suggested period of anniversary celebration is outlined below, similar to what we propose in our [2nd Advent](#) * focus during the church annual calendar.

Years of anniversary celebration :

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| 2028 | Year One | Especially celebrating the early part of His ministry |
| 2029 | Year Two | Especially celebrating the middle part of His ministry |
| 2030 | Year Three | Especially celebrating the final part of His ministry |

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| 2028 | Focus: Ministry from His Baptism to His family visit (Mt. 3 – Mt. 12:50 ; Mk. 1 – Mk. 3:35 ; Lk. 3 – Lk. 8:21) |
| 2029 | Focus: Ministry from His famous parabolic ministry to just before Lazarus (Mt. 13 ; Mk. 4 ; Lk. 8 – John 10) |
| 2030 | Focus: Ministry from the Lazarus event through His ascension. (John 11 – Lk.24:53 ; Acts 1:11) |

We’d love to hear YOUR thoughts on this appeal. Email our ministry director at email@endmin.org.

Until this period of time unfolds, may we guard against apostasy, a danger which the Word of God has clearly stated will take place during the very *end of days* before Jesus Christ’s initial appearing.

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* URL: <http://www.truthfoundations.org/1cio14.pdf>