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Assistant Vicar's Message

Dear Jerusalem family,

As we observed Sevika Sangham Week last month, I would venture to meditate upon the 'Woman Power' and Jesus' perspective on 'Women' this write up. Jesus' disciples, especially in the Markan narratives are known for their misunderstandings and incomprehension with regard to understanding the core objective of Passion of Christ on the Cross, which was yet to occur. They understood very little of what Jesus taught and did and Jesus reprimands them in the very language he uses to describe "outsiders" in 4:12 (6:52; 8:17-21).

Mark 14: 3 – 9 could be counted as a perfect closure to all the misunderstandings and incomprehension of the disciples and at the same time a curtain raiser event of what is to come, namely the Passion of Christ. This event received a handful of criticism, and definitely, Why not? For, in the town/house of the poor (Bethany/Bethaniya) where every single penny is spent on restoring the poor and needy by the temple, here is an unruly expression by an unimportant 'being'. A nameless, just another, 'Woman', breaks a costly perfume jar and anoints Jesus.

The disciples responded as 'loyalist to the Temple', while Jesus responds as 'the Lord of the Temple'. Many a time we are loyalists to the Church and its traditions but we tend to compromise in understanding the 'Heart of Jesus', that's what Saint Mother Theresa called it and challenged us to know the 'Heart of Jesus'. In the biblical portion we see a liberative and all engulfing heart of Jesus. Three expressions caught my attention in this small but revolutionary biblical text.

1. "Leave Her alone" – (v. 6a)
2. "Why are you bothering Her?" – (v. 6b)
3. a) "...She has done a beautiful thing to me." (v. 6c)
b) "She did what she could." (v. 8a)
c) "...what she has done will also be told, in memory of Her." – (v. 9b)

WOMANHOOD – FOR JESUS EMPASIZED ON CREATIVITY

"Leave Her alone" – (v. 6a), is a simple way of saying, mind your own business. For everybody has the freedom to express and be creative in order to communicate what they desire to. This woman in Her own way expressed Her 'God understanding', because she knew through some medium (first hand or may be through somebody) that Jesus is the King who came for Her salvation and He is preparing for the Cross to redeem the world. This understanding was far understood by His own disciples but She did. Jesus appreciated Her creativity. We are called to be Creative disciples, like this nameless Woman. Women are naturally blessed with creativity from the time she is born to the time she bores, she continues to create and express. The world, which also includes the Church has definitely not let Her be Herself. Jesus commands us today "Leave Her alone." As a man myself, Am I ready for this?

WOMANHOOD – FOR JESUS EMPHASIZED ON UNINTERRUPTED SEXUALITY

"Why are you bothering Her?" – (v. 6b) in itself does have an over tone of "being over powered by the other". Jesus sensed this well and commanded his disciples to stay in their limits and stop bothering Her. Though we claim to live in a society much more sensitive towards the co-gender, gender equality is far from reality. Female feticides, honor killing, right to pray campaigns, gender specific jobs and incidents day in and out through the social media tell us the true story. Woman still struggle to be Herself in a world which sees through the eyes of a Man. Are we aware that we may be bothering the co-gender through our perceptions and deliberations? Does She get Her choice of not to be bothered? Or Are we empathetically not bothering Her?. Isn't it this way, I mean, by My mercy, she is not being bothered? Think.

WOMANHOOD –WHEN JESUS EMPHASIZED HONORING WOMAN THROUGH GENERATIONS

"....what she has done will also be told, in memory of Her." – (v. 9b), is such an esteemed reward no Man has ever or will ever receive from Jesus Christ our Lord. This was that point in Jesus' ministry when Womanhood was glorified for what she is did for the Lord. The 'Lordship' of Christ had to be recognized. This recognition was a necessity. The coming, the living, the dying and the

rising of the 'human' Jesus Christ needed an existential recognition. This was rendered "beautifully" (v. 6c) by a Woman. In Her small but as we said 'creative' way, she recognized her Lord. This rewarded her of a recognition generation together will give when the message of Gospel will be told (v. 9). Sadly though, do we remember Her, I mean, the Womanhood, which needs the right due?

Conclusion

I feel very little after pondering on this beautiful and thought provoking text. And I know the reason for this feeling because, I am a Man. My state is administered mostly by men and without forgetting my Church is for all but mostly by and of men. Am I being watchful within? Are we not challenged to recognize the 'Wo-man'. Already late, hope it's not never. Humbly remembering my grand-mothers, mother, wife, sisters, and all women who taught me and continue to teach me 'to be' and 'not to be'.

Rev. Noble Abraham

Theme and Assistance in Sunday Worship Services				
Date	Offertory Collection	Lessons	Assisting in Holy Communion	Theme for the Sunday
2 nd October Sunday (Malayalam) 9:00 am	Lt. Col. Mathew Thomas & family	K.G.Abraham Isa.: 61:1-11	Mr. John K Mathen & Mathews Kurien	Voluntary Evangelist's Day: Priesthood of all Believers.
		Bindhu Mathew 1 Peter: 2:1-10		
9 th October Sunday (Malayalam) 9:00 am	Johnson P. Samuel & Family	K.C. Thomas 2 Samuel: 9:1-13	Mathews Kurien & Rajan Thomas	Care for the People with Special Skills.
		Annamma Thomas K Acts: 9:32-35		
16 th October Sunday (English) 9:00 am	Sunday School Students	Joel P. Mathew Daniel: 1:1-15	Dannie Jim & Robin K Thomas	Youth Sunday- Youth with Christ.
		Bincy M. Binu Acts: 6:1-7		
23 rd October Sunday (Malayalam) 9:00 am	Shaji Cherian & Family	Viji Thomas 1 Sam: 1:19-28	Mr. John K Mathen & Jacob Chacko	Family Dedication Day. Family Space for Faith.
		Sheesa Viji Eph: 3:14-21		
30 th October Sunday			Delhi Centre Convention at Ghaziabad	Kudosh Etho- Sanctification of the Church.

Responsibility	Prayer Group
Altar Decoration	Govindpuri
Bible Reading	Moti Bagh
Offertory Collection	Moti Bagh
Offertory Counting	Chattarpur
Coffee Serving	Badarpur
Ushering	Sarita Vihar

Events of the Month

- 2nd October-Family Sunday and harvest festival
- 2ndOctober- Sannadhasuvisheshakasangham dinam
- 9th October- Sevika Sangham Bring and Buy Sale
- 16thOctober- Youth Sunday
- 16th and 23rdOctober - Inter prayer competition.
- DiocesanConvention
 - 29thOct, 3pm – Diocesan Convention Youth Meeting hosted by Jerusalem Marthoma church
 - 29thOct, 6pm - Diocesan convention Meeting hosted by Jerusalem Marthoma church

News Flash:

Diocesan convention

Diocesan convention will be held from 27th to 30th Oct as per below schedule:

- ❖ 27thOct –6 PM – Vikaspuri Mar Thoma Church
- ❖ 28thOct - 6 PM - Mayurvihar Phase 3 St.Stephens Mar Thoma Church
- ❖ 29thOct - 6 PM - Jerusalem Mar Thoma church
- ❖ 30thOct -6 PM – Delhi Mar Thoma Public School, Ghaziabad.

New Telephone number of Emmaus Home, Aya Nagar

☎9717908278

Change of Address / Phone Number				
SI	PNR	NAME	ADDRESS & Tel. No	PRAYER GROUP
1	1970	Mr. Jojy Thomas		Mehrauli

Congratulations:

Holy Matrimony:

- **Albert Alexander**, S/o. Mrs. Mariamma Alexander & Mr. K. K. Alexander of R. K. Puram Prayer group and **Lincy Rachel Babu**, D/o. Mrs. & Mr. K. Yohannan Babu, got married on 18th August, 2016 at Jubilee Mandiram Chapel, Kottarakkara.
- **Ashin Merlin Jacob**, D/o. Mrs. Achamma Jacob & Mr. Jacob Chacko, Vasant Kunj Prayer group, and **Danish Kurien**, S/o. Mrs. Valsamma Kurien & Mr. K. C. Kurien, got married on 12th Sept. 2016, at Mar Gregorios Orthodox Church, Janakpuri.

We wish the newly wedded couple a blessed married life.

Condolence:

- Mr. V. John (69 yrs), Brother-in-Law of Mr. Sam Mathew K, Chattarpur prayer group, passed away on 7th Sept. Funeral held on 11th Sept. at Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church, Bangalore.
- Mrs. Rachel Baby (Pennamma Baby -87yrs), Mother-in-Law of Mr. P. A. Varghese, Malviya Nagar prayer group, passed away on 15th Sept. Funeral held on 16th Sept. at St. Eliyas Orthodox Church, Budhanur.
- Mrs. Aleykutty Antony (86 yrs) Mother-in-Law of Mr. Thomas T. Thomas, Kalkajiprayer group, passed away on 17th Sept. Funeral held on 18th Sept. at Cherupushpam Church, Aarpukkara.

May the Almighty God console and give peace to the bereaved family members.

Quiz – Look for yourself

Quiz – October 2016

Note: Please mention the verse of your answer and write or undersign your name and prayer group in your mail. With this quiz we intend that you will read the bible in a routine manner so please try to find answers by yourself rather through other sources. This month quiz is from **1st Chronicles chapters 1-15**. Send your answers either by hand or by e-mail to "jerusalem.jyothi@gmail.com". The last date for sending your answers is **3rd Sunday, ie, 16th October 2016**.

1. Who could use both the right hand and left hand in shooting arrows?
2. Which city was ruled by Bela?
3. Who built the town of Beth Horan?
4. Who was king Saul's grandfather?
5. Who got the birthright of Reuben?
6. Who called on the God of Israel to enlarge his boundary?
7. Which community was formed by the descendants of Caleb and his wife Ephrath?
8. Who served as a priest in the temple of Solomon?
9. Who divorced his two wives?
10. Who had the responsibility of baking the offering bread?
11. "We are yours, O David! We are with you", who said these words?
12. Where did David keep the ark of God After he took it from Abinadab's house?
13. Name the musician among the sons of Kohathites?
14. Who defeated the enemies as waters broke out?
15. Who was in-charge of the singing of the choirs when David brought Ark of the covenant from Obed-Edom's house?

Prayer and Organizational Meetings

Date	Day	Time	Organization/Area	Venue
02-10-2016	Sunday	11:30 AM	SevikaSangham Bible study	At Church
02-10-2016	Sunday	7:30 PM	Andrews Ganj	Philip John Parakkatil
02-10-2016	Sunday	7:30 PM	Kalkaji	Jacob Samuel
06-10-2016	Thursday	8:00 PM	Munirka	Varghese K
07-10-2016	Friday	7:30 PM	Gautam Nagar	Mani George
07-10-2016	Friday	7:30 PM	Kidwai Nagar/Sarojini Nagar	Daisy Jacob
09-10-2016	Sunday	11:30 AM	Medical Clinic	At Church
09-10-2016	Sunday	5:00pm	Ashram	George Mathew
09-10-2016	Sunday	7:30pm	Lajpat Nagar/Srinivaspuri	Babu Samuel
09-10-2016	Sunday	7:30pm	Vasant Kunj/Mahipalpur	Varghese Zachariah
12-10-2016	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Edavaka Mission Bible Study	At Church
13-10-2016	Thursday	8:00 PM	Devoli	Koshy John
14-10-2016	Friday	7:30 PM	Mehrauli	Cherian Geevarghese
14-10-2016	Friday	7:30pm	R.K. Puram	Mathew Tharian
16-10-2016	Sunday	11:30 AM	YuvajanaSakhyam Bible Study	At Church
16-10-2016	Sunday	7:30 PM	Govindpuri	Samma Mathew
16-10-2016	Sunday	7:30 PM	Moti Bagh	Johnson P. Samuel
21-10-2016	Friday	7:30 PM	Chattarpur	MC Varghese
23-10-2016	Sunday	7:30 PM	Badarpur	Varghese P
23-10-2016	Sunday	7:30 PM	SaritaVihar	John Mathew
28-10-2016	Friday	7:30pm	Aya Nagar	Santhosh Mathew
28-10-2016	Friday	7:30pm	Green Park/Malviya Nagar	

Birthday List - October 2016		
Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Dia Biju Sebastian,D/o Koshy (Biju Mon)	Mehrauli
	George Mathew	Ashram
	Elizabeth Varghese,W/o Shibu C. Verghese	Green Park
2	Justin R George,S/o Reji George	Chattarpur
	Laly Alex,W/o Alex George	Devoli
	Joel Thomas,S/o Mr. Thomas Varghese	Munirka
3	Zubin George,S/o Mr. Cherian George	Moti Bagh
	Anu Alex,W/o Mr. Alex Kurien	Mehrauli
4	Jacob K T	Malviya Nagar
	Varghese E T	Green Park
6	Thomas P M	Vasant Kunj
	Abhilash Philip Zachariah,S/o Mr. Suresh Philip	Moti Bagh
	Ajay Thomas,S/o Mr. Thomas E. C	Ashram
	Teena E.Thomas,D/o Thomas T. Thomas	Kalkaji
7	Varughese Mathai	Badarpur
	Valsamma Thomas	Srinivaspuri
8	Mathew K V	Devoli
	Samma Chacko ,W/o Chacko M C	Badarpur
	Jiju John Mathew ,S/o Mathew K. J.	Aya Nagar
	Ashish George Joseph,S/o Mr. Joseph George	Munirka
9	Libin George Mathew,S/o Mr. Thomas Mathew	Moti Bagh
	Aneeta Elsa Abraham,D/o Mr. Abraham K.Samuel	Mehrauli
10	Rekha Thomas,W/o Mr. Thomas Abraham	Gautam Nagar
	Kunjamma George ,W/o Mr. George N. G.	Badarpur
	Jibu George Abraham,S/o Abraham P. J	Srinivaspuri
	Mathew J T	Malviya Nagar
	Zachariah K A	Mehrauli

	Aksa Sarah Abraham, D/o Abraham G	Mehrauli
	Alan K.John, S/o Mr.JohnKurien	SaritaVihar
11	PrabhakarVittalMadavi	Wardha Mission
	Robin Thomas, S/o Thomas M T	Mehrauli
	Ashwin Thomas Robin,S/o Mr. Robin K. Thomas	Kalkaji
	Koruth P Idicula	Aya Nagar
	Saramma John ,W/o John P George	Wardha Mission
	Lijoe George ,S/o Iype C George	Aya Nagar
	Gifty Kurian,S/o Kurian Abraham	Kalkaji
	KunjumolKoruth ,W/o Mr. Koruthu P. Idicula	Aya Nagar
12	Mathew C.M	SaritaVihar
	SusammaRajan ,W/o Rajan C	Aya Nagar
	Achamma John	Vasant Kunj
13	Kevin Jacob,S/o Jacob Oommen	Moti Bagh
13	Ivan P. Johnson,S/o Mr. Johnson P. Samuel	Moti Bagh
14	AshlinM.Samuel,S/o Samuel Mathew	Kalkaji
	SherinBabu,W/o Mr. Benny Varghese	Mahipalpur
15	Rojan Thomas,S/o Mr. Thomas George	Govindpuri
	Susan R Chacko,W/o Mr. Raji Chacko	R.K.Puram
	Rachel Mathew,W/o Thomas Mathew(GpCaptRtd.)	Vasant Kunj
	MarykuttyYohannan,W/o Yohannan Samuel	Govindpuri
	Anish K. Varghese	Chattarpur
16	Oommen T.K (Dr.)	Vasant Kunj
	John Varughese	Badarpur
	Raji Thomas,D/o Mrs. Valsamma Thomas	Srinivaspuri
	Litty Ann Jose,D/o Jose Daniel	Govindpuri
17	Jonathan Kurian Koshy,C/o Koshy Kurian	Chattarpur
18	Edwin Tom Joseph,S/o Joseph K. T	Ashram
	Joel John ,S/o John Mathew	Aya Nagar
19	Tom George Thomas,S/o Thomas George	Chattarpur
	Dolly Jacob,W/o Jacob Oommen	Moti Bagh
20	Nathan Phirose Philip,S/o Mr. Phirose P Koshy	Aya Nagar
	Nevin Daniel Byju,S/o Byju Jacob Daniel	Malviya Nagar
	P.M. George	Moti Bagh
	Kunjamma Simon,W/o Simon T M	Kalkaji
	YohannanKutty	Lajpat Nagar
	Thomas K T	Aya Nagar
21	Hyrise Joseph,W/o Joseph M V	Badarpur
22	AnoopReji,S/o RejiYohannan	Kalkaji
	Blessy Mary Thomas,C/o Mathew C. J.	SaritaVihar
	Thomas Mathew	Moti Bagh
23	Sunitha Santhosh,W/o Mr. Santhosh Mathew	Aya Nagar
	Susan George,W/o Mr. George Jacob	Srinivaspuri
	Feba Elsa Mathew,D/o Mr. Abraham Mathew	Andrews Ganj
	Thomas Abraham	R.K.Puram
	Melvin Santhosh,S/o Santhosh Varghese	Govindpuri
	Mathai Thomas	Kalkaji
24	Thankachan M S	Gautam Nagar
	Abraham P. J	Srinivaspuri
25	LathaReji,W/o RejiYohannan	Kalkaji
	Thomas V C	Devoli
26	Sosamma K Sam,W/o Sam Mathew K	Chattarpur
27	Mariamamma Zachariah,W/o Zachariah Samuel	SaritaVihar
	Biju Varghese	Mehrauli
	Udayan Thomas Philip,C/o Thomas Oommen	Kalkaji
27	Sherry Varghese,S/o Varghese P A	Malviya Nagar

	Priyanka Singh,C/o Alexander Thomas	Green Park
28	SherlyEapen,W/o Eapen P E	Mahipalpur
	Annamma Mathai	R.K.Puram
	Anna Sosa Thomas,D/o Mr. Roy P. Thomas	Kidwai Nagar
	Ashley Stephen,D/o Stephen Mathew	Aya Nagar
29	Sonam Prashant,C/o Rajan Y	Aya Nagar
	Christy R Mathew,S/o Roy Mathew	Govindpuri
	John Mathew	Aya Nagar
30	Jacob Samuel	R.K.Puram
	John Kurien	SaritaVihar
	Linta M. Daniel,D/o Mr. Daniel Abraham	R.K.Puram
31	Abigail B. Jacob,C/o Daisy Jacob	Kidwai Nagar
	Abhay Abraham,S/o Mr. Abraham Y.	Gautam Nagar

Wedding Anniversary List - October 2016		
Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Mrs. & Mr. Phirose P Koshy	Aya Nagar
2	Mrs. & Mr. Wilson John	Kalkaji
4	Mrs. & Mr. Tiju C. Thomas	Moti Bagh
	Mrs. & Mr. Varghese E T	Green Park
6	Mrs. & Mr. Johnson P. Samuel	Moti Bagh
8	Mrs. & Mr. Alex Kurien	Mehrauli
10	Mrs. & Mr. Simon T M	Kalkaji
12	Mrs. & Mr. Jose Daniel	Govindpuri
13	Mrs. & Mr. Reny Varghese	Kalkaji
14	Mrs. & Mr. Ajish Jacob Thomas	Devoli
16	Mrs. & Mr. Shibu Mathew	Kalkaji
17	Mrs. & Mr. Babu V Zachariah	Badarpur
18	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew Tharian	R.K.Puram
	Mrs. & Mr. Biju Varghese	Gautam Nagar
20	Mrs. & Mr. Mani George	Gautam Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Vijo K John	Kidwai Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Joise Luke	Vasant Kunj
	Mrs. & Mr. Felix K	Chattarpur
22	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham T.T.	Ashram
23	Mrs. & Mr. Prashant Rajan	Aya Nagar
25	Mrs. & Mr. Varghese John Ham	Moti Bagh
26	Mrs. & Mr. Mammen P. Mammen	Ashram
	Mrs. & Mr. Babu Samuel	Srinivaspuri
27	Mrs. & Mr. Joseph Abraham	Kidwai Nagar
29	Mrs. & Mr. Chacko Abraham	Mehrauli
	Mrs. & Mr. Manu C. Kurien	Mehrauli
31	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham Y	Gautam Nagar