

Why does he say we need to be born again?

Can I believe Him without seeing him?

# Who is Jesus?

What is the life that He offers?



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. - JOHN 3:16

**English Services & Livestream**

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## ***Order of Service***

Choral Introit by Praise Choir at 1pm & 5pm – What Child is this?

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Scripture Reading: John 2:23-3:17 ESV

Message: For God so loved the world...

Response Hymn: O Breath of Life (Emu)

Missions Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Offertory Response by Praise Choir at 10.30am & 3pm – What Child is this?

Benediction

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## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us! If you are new to Zion Bishan, do drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week.

<http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf>

## Our Sunday services at a glance

### ***In-Person Sunday Services***

*(Registration required):*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/services](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/services)

**8.30am** Mandarin/Cantonese service

**9.30am** Tamil/Hokkien service

**10.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm/5.00pm**

English service

**11.00am** Mandarin-English service

### ***Join us for our livestream***

[www.youtube.com/zionbishan](http://www.youtube.com/zionbishan)

**8.30am** Mandarin & Cantonese service

**10.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm/5.00pm** English service

### ***Join DHF Bible Study Groups***

*(Registration required):*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf)

**8.45am** Domestic Helpers Fellowship 1  
(English, Tagalog & Myanmar groups)

**2.30pm** Domestic Helpers Fellowship 2  
(Indonesian group)

**9.15pm** Domestic Helpers Fellowship 3  
(in English)

### ***Join Children/Youth Discipleship Classes***

*(Registration required):*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

### ***Songs for personal worship and reflection:***

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs)

## Serving You Today

**Speaker:** Ps Vernon Quek

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Sunil Peter

*Worship Leader:* Eld Chuah Chin Yew

*AV:* Goh Han Teck, Steven Tan, Maybelline Tan

*Musician:* Grace Yan (P)

### **1.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dns Tan Ee-Wern

*Worship Leader:* Eld Sonny Tan

*AV:* Soh Kok Hong, Nurman Kusanda

*Musician:* Clement Yan (P)

### **3.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Jacqueline Lie

*Worship Leader:* Dn Peter Wang

*AV:* Melissa Leong, Bethia Soh, Paul Huang

*Musicians:* Paul Liew (O), Benn Tan (P)

### **5.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Dn Timothy Ong

*AV:* Ravi Shankar, Jonathan Teo

*Musician:* Chee Qi Qi (P)

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

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## **For God so loved the world...**

John 2:23-3:17

28 November 2021

Ps Vernon Quek

### **Intro: Christmas is coming!**

John 3:16 & 17

A Conversation with three parts...

#### **Part 1 (3:1-3)**

#### **Part 2 (3:4-8)**

#### **Part 3 (3:9-17)**

### **Conclusion: Nicodemus & Christmas...**

#### **Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

1. How would you explain the terms 'Pharisee' and 'Ruler of the Jews'? Why are these two things about Nicodemus crucial to understanding this conversation?
2. Why are John 3:16 & 17 helpful verses for us this Christmas?
3. What does this passage tell us about God? What is He saying to us today?
4. If even Nicodemus needed saving, what does this mean for the World around us? Even the 'best' people we know?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Safeguarding Training** – Keep in prayer our 1030am congregation leaders and peer supporters, as they undergo safeguarding training today. Pray that Zion Bishan will continue growing as a church family in our awareness of abuse and its risks, and that every leader and member will understand their roles in building a safe culture for all to grow and know Jesus in our community. Read more about safeguarding on page 7.

**“Who Knows?” Evangelistic Event (4 Dec)** – Pray that we will boldly use the opportunity to invite friends, and that they will come and hear the good news. Pray for our speaker, Ps Lincoln Mao (Bethesda Christian Centre), that he will preach the gospel clearly & faithfully from John. Pray also for our follow up, that we will use what we’ve been equipped with and invite friends to keep exploring the Gospel of John with us.

### **Our World**

**Philippines** – Praise God for the ministry developments of our partner SMO (Student Missionary Outreach). We thank God that ministry was able to continue, in a limited way despite pandemic restrictions, through Bible studies and leadership training online. Praise God also for the addition of a 2-storey building, a gate and improved road entrance at the Promised Land (the property that houses their Bible Training Institute), agriculture and animal income

generating projects. Thank God that 3 students are able to begin in-person studies at SMO Bible Training Institute this academic year.

**India** – Pray for Sister Sonali, wife of Cecil (Bible college principal) who is unwell due to some complication from a chronic health condition. Her appointment on 28 Nov at a hospital had to be postponed to Jan 2022 due to flooding and disruption to train schedules. Thank God that her condition has been brought under control with medication. Pray that her condition will remain stable and for God’s peace and strength to be upon her.

Pray for Brother A as he follows up with youths from the recent festivals who indicated interest in serving the Lord. He hopes to invite them to participate in short-term bible courses and to identify potential leaders. Pray that God will grow our partner’s efforts in equipping and nurturing the next generation of leaders in their churches or communities.

**Nepal** – We thanked God last week that our partner found a suitable place for their ministry in village D. Please pray for the minor renovations and repairs that need to be undertaken before winter sets in. Pray for the provision of building materials which are hard to find in these remote areas. Pray for safety and protection as the partner moves people and logistics to this village; the journey is perilous and involves crossing a narrow bridge on motorbike. Pray also for favour with the landlord and the authorities.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	317	
English Service 10.30am	120	
English Service 1pm	73	
English Service 3pm	107	
English Service 5pm	78	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	75	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	53	
ME Service & Zoom	52	
Tamil Service	12	217.00
DHF	21	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>\$217.00</b>

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	47,880.71
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,097.71</b>

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2021/22: \$65,298

## ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$337,148.73
Giving Received from 15 Nov – 21 Nov	\$1,845.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	265,355.38

## Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1781	200.00
Electronic Transfer	7,512.87
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$7,712.87</b>
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$8,234,083.34</b>
<b>Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date</b>	<b>\$3,908,000.00</b>

## Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Emmanuel BP Church this morning.

## Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

### General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

### To donate towards the ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund:

(Use GMF information above)  
Indicate "CV19 MRF" in remarks

### To give towards the Land Lease Renewal Fund: General Project Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

Indicate "Land Lease Renewal  
Fund" on back of cheque  
(Please provide your CONTACT  
NUMBER on each cheque

## Looking Ahead

### Friday, 3 Dec

**8.00pm:** Zoom Prayer Meeting

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm))

### Saturday, 4 Dec

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf))

### Sunday, 5 Dec

English Worship Services

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax))

#### 10.30am

*Shepherding Team:* Ps Alby Yip, Eld Foo Say Chiang & Eld Chuah Chin Yew

#### 1.00pm

*Shepherding Team:* Ps Zheng Haoren, Ng Zhiwen, Eld Sonny Tan & Eld David Leong

#### 3.00pm

*Shepherding Team:* Ps Alby Yip, Ps Vernon Quek, Eld Roland Low & Eld Michael Gan

#### 5.00pm

*Shepherding Team:* Ps Dev Menon, Eld Jeffery Lim & Eld Reginald Tan

## Christmas Evangelistic Series

**5 Dec** John 4

*Ps Alby*

**12 Dec** John 9

*Ps Ebi / Mr Danny Chua*

**19 Dec** John 10

*Mr Quek Tze-Ming / Mr Ng Zhiwen*

**25 Dec** Christmas

*Ps Dev*

**26 Dec** John 20

*Mr Ng Zhiwen / Mr Quek Tze-Ming*

## Your Response

28 November 2021

*Thank you for joining us today!  
If there's anything you would like the church to know, do reach out to us online or via email.*

Get in touch with us:

- If you are joining us for the first time
- to find out more
- to request prayer
- to provide feedback
- to send a word of encouragement

*You may find our response form [www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)*

*Or email us at [office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg)*

*Confidential care & counselling matters, please email [care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)*

*Please note that the church will retain and use your submitted data as needed to process your indicated response.*

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!

## **God Cares about Safeguarding**

*Please note that this article mentions issues of abuse and may be distressing for readers. This is the second in a series of articles about safeguarding against abuse - for the first article and more about the ministry, please visit the church website - <https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/ministry/safeguarding/>.*

Whether it is high profile church abuse cases that you may have read of in Western Christian news or 'low profile' ones that go unreported, every instance of abuse causes immense harm.

Trust is broken. Lives are destroyed. Sometimes, the very faith of abuse victims are shattered. Often, the name of Jesus is also dragged through the mud before the eyes of the watching world.

Safeguarding against abuse matters because the wellbeing of the church – God's precious saints – is at stake. As Christians, we believe in the worth and dignity of every individual. Our belief that all persons and their bodies matter is deeply bound in Scripture. Human life is sacred precisely because life is God-breathed as the Lord in the Genesis creation account declares: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." (Gen. 1:26-27).

Therefore, when abuse happens, it is not simply that a person is harmed. More than that, the bodily image and likeness of God in that person is also marred. To abuse or sin against another image-bearer of God is in itself an act of offense against the Creator and His loving purposes.

Plus, we are created by our God as embodied souls or ensouled bodies (Gen 2:7; Dan 12:2; Rev 21:1-4). This is what makes us human. We are not just spirits in an unimportant body to be left behind when we go to heaven. The spiritual, psychological, physical and relational aspects of human life are interconnected.

This is why human-induced abuse is so traumatic – it affects a person in multiple ways. For example, physical or sexual abuse doesn't just leave a bruise mark - it creates fear of the abuser and others related to them, even causing much social shame. Psychological abuse doesn't just make you feel like you had a bad day - your body could react palpably with shaking trepidation.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we truly know our God and grasp the weight of His words in the Bible, we will understand why He cares so greatly about safeguarding each and every individual from abuse. So, if we are indeed God's people, then it is our great responsibility to care as much as He does about safeguarding.

## Announcements

### Christmas Sermon Series:

#### “Who is Jesus?”

Our Christmas sermon series is an evangelistic series on the Gospel of John. It is a ripe opportunity to invite a non-believer to come hear about Jesus this Advent season. Do prayerfully consider inviting a friend or family member.

Registration link:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services)

### Faith at Home Series

**Starts 11 Dec, 2.00-4.00pm, on Zoom**

Family Ministry (FaM) will be running our Faith at Home series for parents with children 0-6 years old.

\*Parents wishing to baptise their children this Christmas will need to fill in a registration form by 30th Nov and attend the first of these sessions.

Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fah](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fah)

### Visionary Marriage

**Starts 4 Dec, for 3 Saturdays**

**9.00am-12.00pm, on Zoom**

Family Ministry (FaM) is organising a new course. “Visionary Marriage” is a 5 video Bible Study series, done over 3 weeks, by Dr Rob and Amy Reinow from Visionary Family Ministries. Register TODAY!

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/fam-vm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fam-vm)

### Women of Zion (WOZ):

**Praise and Thanksgiving on Zoom**

**"The Reason for the Season"**

**4 Dec, Saturday, 10.00-11.30am**

Ladies, sign up for the zoom link with Lydia @ 8338 3982.

### Who Knows?

**4 Dec, Saturday, 4.30 – 6.00pm,**

**Main Sanctuary**

Who Knows? is an evangelistic talk exploring: “Who has the right to tell us about life?” Our speaker, Ps Lincoln Mao (Bethesda Christian Centre) will explore the answer with us from the Gospel of John. It’ll not only be a great opportunity for friends to hear the gospel, but also a great starting point to invite them to read John with you too!

Sign up at [bit.ly/whoknows21](http://bit.ly/whoknows21)

Contact Joel ([joel@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:joel@zionbishan.org.sg)) or Vanessa ([vanessa@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:vanessa@zionbishan.org.sg)) for more information.

### Serve in ZB Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry (YM) is looking for ZB members who are active in their spiritual community & AG. and have a desire to invest time into the NextGen as a YD leader or at YF.

To chat more and find out how you can start serving, get in touch with Ps Dev ([dev@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:dev@zionbishan.org.sg)) or Jacqueline @ 9322 7629. Volunteers will be subject to approval by the YM leadership.

### Enabling Communities

**Official Launch!**

**3 Dec, 8.00-9.30pm, Friday, Zoom**

A disability-inclusive resource for small groups - Bible Studies on including people with disabilities in church

Organised by KIN, BGST and CDMA.

Register now at

[bit.ly/enablingcommunities\\_launch](http://bit.ly/enablingcommunities_launch)