



20 November 2022

THE SHORTEST VERSE IN THE BIBLE: JOHN 11:35

After John 3:16, John 11:35 is probably the second-most popular Bible verse in memory verse challenges. “Jesus wept”. While often quoted light-heartedly, these two simple words provide a lot of insight into our Lord’s heart and mind.



The Lord was deeply personal in His earthly ministry. He often spent time with this family, eating with them and teaching from their home.



The events around this verse depict a solemn situation. While Jesus was traveling around the surrounding cities, a close friend had died due to sickness. Jesus returned to the village where His friend had lived. One of the sisters of the deceased cried out to the Lord, “If you had been here, my brother would not have died”. She and the rest of the Jews present wept sorrowfully. Scripture records that Jesus was greatly moved and troubled such that He wept too.

We don’t know the exact reason for Jesus being “deeply moved in His spirit”. Perhaps He was overcome with great sympathy for his friends. The Lord was deeply personal in His earthly ministry. He often spent time with this family, eating with them and teaching from their home. The scenes of wailing and weeping, along with the sisters’ painful loss, may have touched His heart. He may have

been anguished that they were distressed by sin and death, which He had ultimately come to conquer.

Another likely reason was that Jesus felt greatly troubled by the Jews’ unbelief. Throughout the chapter, Jesus revealed that this death had to happen for Him to raise the dead, display His power and authority, and inspire the faith of the witnesses. However, both sisters lamented that Jesus could not reach them in time to prevent their brother’s death. The others thought that Jesus’ tears were of regret at not being able to do anything. The Lord may thus have been troubled by their unbelief. Jesus proceeded to raise the dead man, declaring this was “on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you [God] sent me”.

This reveals God’s compassionate heart – a shocking thought to Greek readers in those days. The common Greek belief was that ‘gods’ were apathetic and uncaring, and did not involve themselves in what went on in the world. However, here we see God, wrapped in human flesh, intimately involved in the lives of His creation and moved by what He had witnessed, to the point that He wept. Jesus is our great high priest who sympathises with our weaknesses and cares for us.

May John 11:35 stir up great adoration for our compassionate Saviour, even as we quote it in our next memory verse challenge.

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•BLOCK VISITS: INVITATION FOR CHRISTMAS EVENT

Gospel Light doesn't just want to be a church 'in' the community, but a church that's 'for' the community! Volunteer with us as we visit our neighbouring HDBs this December to distribute invites for our Christmas outreach event. We need volunteers to make reaching 25 HDB blocks possible!

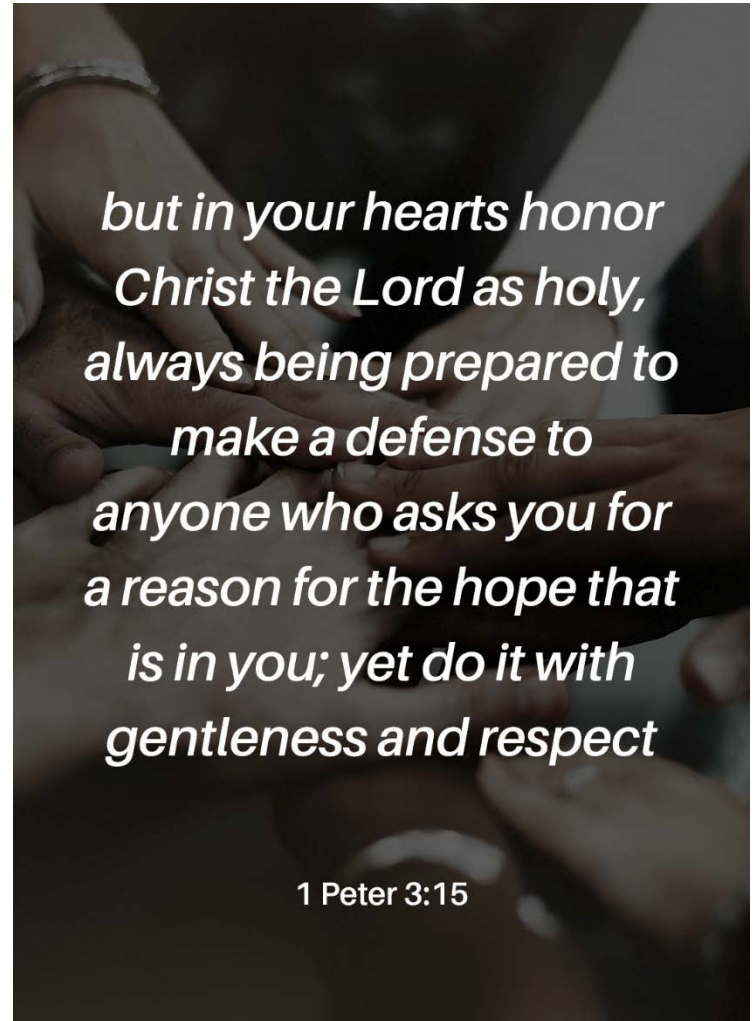
Block Visit dates:

Fri, 2 Dec, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Sat, 3 Dec, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3yJm6Oz>

*Registration closes on Sun, 20 Nov.



*but in your hearts honor
Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to
make a defense to
anyone who asks you for
a reason for the hope that
is in you; yet do it with
gentleness and respect*

1 Peter 3:15





CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• MARVEL-LOUS CHRISTMAS EVENT

We love superheroes because they are the fantasy that wrongs in the world can be fixed with thrilling acts of heroism. But between fictional heroes and real heroes, can any bring the help we need for a troubled world? This Christmas we invite you to meet the unexpected hero of history. And find out why the greatest weapons to save the world are not strength and might, but unconditional love and sacrifice.

Join us for a Christmas family event that celebrates the message of Christmas. With a drama performance, finger painting workshop and Christmas dinner.

Date: 24 Dec 2022

Time: 4:00pm to 8:30pm

Venue: Level 1 (Foyer) & Level 4 (Shine Auditorium)

Fees: \$5/pax^

^Free entry for children below 4yrs

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3DpeqDZ>

*Registration closes Mon, 12 Dec at 5pm.

• YEAR-END LOVE GIFT

We are collecting our year-end love gift for overseas mission workers and local workers via our General Fund account.

Collection Start Date: Sun, 6 Nov 2022

Collection End Date: Sun, 20 Nov 2022

** Love gift received before 6 Nov 2022 or after 20 Nov 2022 will go towards the general offering.*

You may give in the following ways:

- i) Internet banking - PayNow and internet bank transfer. Indicate "**Love Gift**" or "**LG**" at the bill reference section.
- ii) Cheque - Indicate "**Love Gift**" or "**LG**" on the reverse of the cheque.
- iii) Offering boxes - Enclose your offering in a sealed envelope and indicate "**Love Gift**" or "**LG**" on the envelope.

If you would like to specify the recipient of the love gift, please indicate as follows:

- 1) Indicate "**LG overseas**" for overseas missions workers
- 2) Indicate "**LG local**" for local workers

• YOUTH CAMP: ODYSSEY 2022

A treasure hidden for generations holds the promise of untold riches and glory. Countless seekers have embarked on perilous journeys to lay claim to this prize.

Journey with us through an exciting 4 day camp where we'll play games, make friends, and explore the truths of Christianity. Open to all youth from P6 to Tertiary (Poly/JC/ITE).

Date: 20 to 23 Dec 2022

Venue: BB/GB Campsite 1200 Sembawang Road, S758526

Fees: \$150 (\$120 if registered by 13 Nov!)

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3TrveiG>

*Registration closes Sun, 11 Dec.

For more information, email: youth@gospellight.sg.



CLASSES & TRAININGS

• BAPTISM

Those who have believed in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are encouraged to be baptized.

Attendance at Baptism Class is a prerequisite.

Submission of written testimonies with completed application forms is a must. Register and download application forms via our website at

<https://bit.ly/3Ft6DEw>.

Registration closes on Sun, 18 Dec.

Classes are conducted on-site.

Baptism Class (English)

Date: Sun, 8 Jan 2023

Time: 12:45pm

Venue: Light 2 (L3)

Baptism Class (Chinese)

Date: Sun, 8 Jan 2023

Time: 12:45pm

Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

Baptism Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2023

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

• BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY (BIBS) - DANIEL

The book of Daniel is not simply stories about the lions' lair or the fiery furnace. It is all about the God in heaven who reveals mysteries, who changes times and seasons, who removes kings and sets up kings - for the Most High God rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom He wills.

So join us as we study Daniel inductively and discover **God's Blueprint for Bible Prophecy** so that those who are wise and know God can stand firm in the days of troubles, trials and tribulations. *Your commitment each week is between one to three hours of personal study and two hours in group discussion.*

Cost: \$15/- for the study guide and study materials.

Date(s): Mondays, starting 9 Jan 2023

Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Instructor: Brother Michael Lau

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Registration deadline: Sun, 18 Dec.

To register visit: gospellight.sg>connect>Events.

• BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY (BIBS) – JUDGES AND RUTH

In this study: **Choosing Victory, Overcoming Defeat** we will be looking into the lives of the people of Israel in the days of the Judges. Moses had led the people out of Egypt. Joshua had led them into the land God promised to Abraham. But the people of Israel failed to completely drive out the inhabitants of the land. Why? Did God fail in his promise?

As we study **Judges and Ruth** inductively we will discover the principles to overcoming defeat in our Christian lives. *Your commitment is between one to three hours of personal study and two hours in group discussion (Zoom) each week.*

Cost: \$15/- for the study guide and study materials.

Date(s): starting 11 Jan 2023

- Wednesday – for Man only

- Friday – open to all

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Instructor: Brother Michael Lau

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Registration deadline: Sun, 18 Dec.

To register visit: gospellight.sg>connect>Events.



• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

This Tuesday, 22 November 2022, we will have an in-depth study of Romans 12:1-2 and learn about the appeal for personal dedication. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

By: Brother Jerry Koh

Date: Tues, 22 Nov 2022

Time: 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3gcB1L2>

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

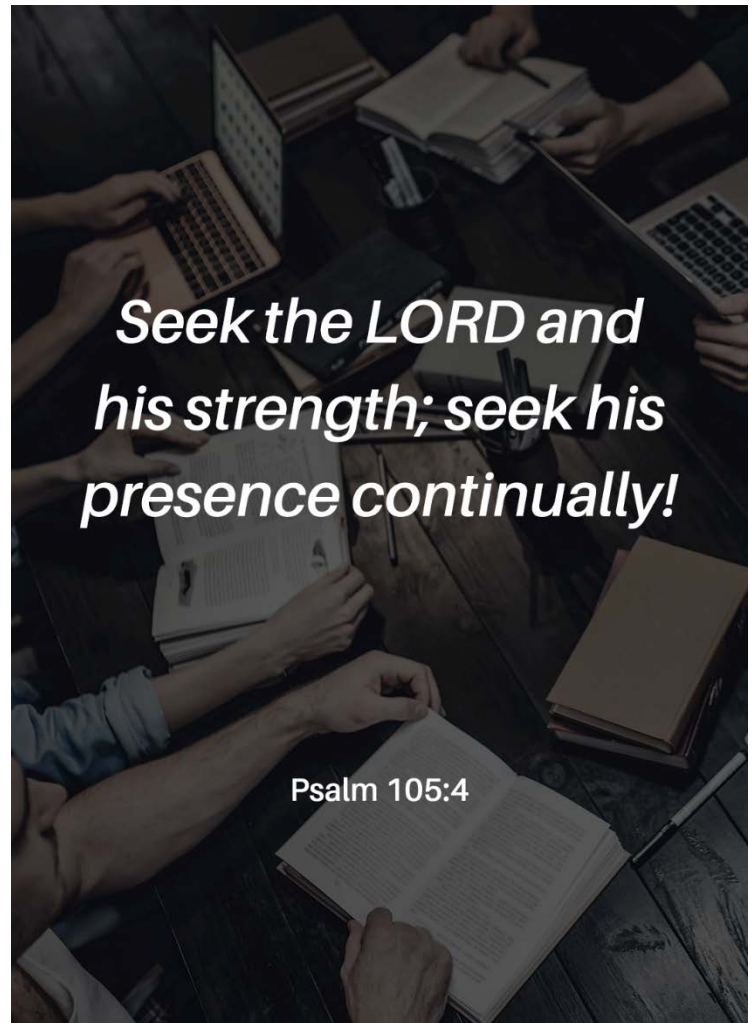
• LIFE ISSUES: EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY

God knows the sense of emptiness we all experience. He sees us trying to fill that space with friends, pleasure and success. But apart from Him there is simply no lasting satisfaction. Only the God who made us can meet our deepest needs.

Invite your friends or come explore the evidence for God in a 4 part series. As we help you investigate the claims of Christianity and ask important questions about the Christian faith.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3CGBso3>

For more information, email: sue.choo@gospellight.sg
or call 9776 1377.





WORSHIP SERVICE

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15pm**

Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg

(A)Worship Services

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	800 pax	http://bit.ly/38BU0rA (only available at 9am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	240 pax	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 9am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 2pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m	240 pax	https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	Sunday at 2:30pm *no service on 5 th week	140 pax	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Hall 1 (L2)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	20 pax	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 8pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30G4fXl

(B) Children Service

There are two children's services at 9am and 11am for:

(i) Primary Levels (7 - 12 years) at Level 3; and

(ii) Playgroup (~ 18 months till 2+) at Hall 3 @ Attic

Preschool (3-6yrs)* will remain @ 11am due to a lack of volunteers

*If your child is born in 2019, but not yet 36mths of age, a caregiver must accompany the child for the duration of the service.





GIVING ONLINE

You may give your offerings in the following ways:

1) PayNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" - Offering will go towards General Fund
- State Missions - To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

- Open up your bank app and select "Scan and Pay"
- Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN:

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2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: **033-021695-5**
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write **Gospel Light Christian Church** and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund - **033-021695-5**
 - Missions Fund - **001-042653-2**
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.

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