

**Sermon Notes: August 17, 2025 ~ “Hard Sayings of Jesus:
I came to Set the World on Fire”**

We’re looking at Hard Sayings of Jesus. I’m preaching on things Jesus says that are difficult to understand or accept or both. What is this text about? There are two things we learn about Jesus from this text. I’ll mention them now, and then we’ll elaborate.

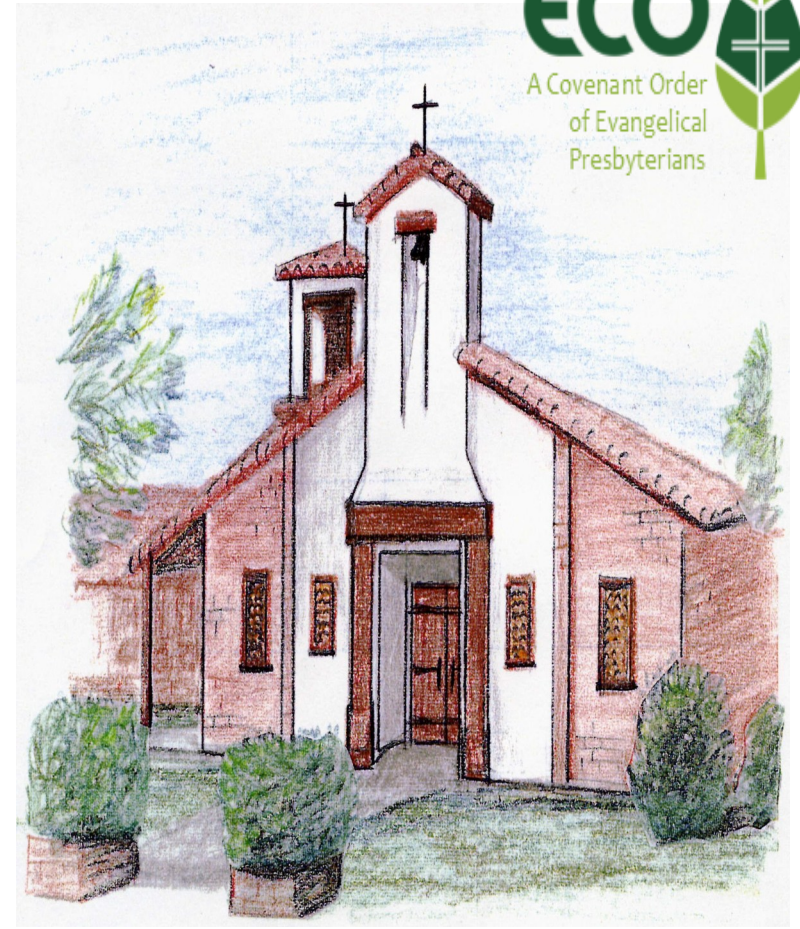
1. His divisiveness: the divisiveness of Jesus caused by his self-centered teaching.

2. The agony: the agony of Jesus caused by his self-denying love.

Fire does two things.

1) Number one, fire cleanses lasting things.

2) Number two, fire divides.



First Presbyterian Church
Wickenburg, Arizona
August 17, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
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Growing New Lives in Jesus!

A Service For The Lord's Day - August 17, 2025

OPENING SONG: PRAISE TEAM

WELCOME & GREETINGS:

SONGS OF PRAISE: PRAISE TEAM

“PRAISE ”

“Blessed Be Your Name”

“PEACE BEFORE ME” PRAISE TEAM

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, Your Kingdom is open to all by Your grace and through faith in Jesus but we often construct roadblocks that hinder people from entering. We demand good behavior from others before showing them where to find Your life-changing mercy. We work to appear righteous and good but fail to practice Jesus' basic instructions: love God, love others, forgive freely, and share the Good News. Forgive us for our sin and our waywardness. Let us lean wholly on Your power that we may follow You faithfully and lead others to Your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS: DOUG QUINE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS: PRAISE TEAM

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 12:49-53 PGS. 738

MESSAGE: “HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS: I CAME TO SET THE WORLD ON FIRE” GIVEN BY PASTOR JONATHAN EVANS

CLOSING SONG: “IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL ” PRAISE TEAM

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 17, 2025

Greeter: Ginny Randall

Liturgist: Susie Wirsing

Refreshments: Christian Growth ~ *Thank you!*

NEXT WEEK: AUGUST 24, 2025

Greeter: Arleen Younkman

Liturgist: Doug Quine

Refreshments: Deacons ~ *Thank you!*

ACTIVITIES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 17:

9:30 am Worship Service

11:00 am Refreshments & Fellowship

“Letter to the Hebrews” is taking a summer break.

See you after Labor Day.

Tuesday August 19:

8:00 am Men of Faith Breakfast at Denny's

Join us! It's better when YOU'RE there!!

10:00 am Nifty Needlers

Wednesday, August 20: WITNESS DEADLINE!! Sept & Oct.

Sunday, August 24:

9:30 am Worship Service

11:00 am Refreshments & Fellowship

August 10, 2025:

Attendance ~ In Person: 39 Virtually: 28

Tithes & Offerings ~ Gen Fund: \$5,469 Deacons: \$105