

WHO IS JESUS?

Intro: Today we start with some good news!

Jesus Christ is the solution to our SIN problem.



WHY? 2 Reasons:

1. Because of WHO he was
2. WHAT he did

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST ... TO US?

I. Why is Jesus Called a SAVIOR ?

A. Jesus Christ was, and is, GOD in human form, the second person of the Trinity.

John 1:1,14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

5 proofs:

1. Claimed it (Jn 10:30,33)
2. Miracles (Jn 14:11)
3. Sinless Life (Jn 8:46)
4. Prophecy (Lk 24:27)
5. Resurrection (Jn 2:19)

B. Through His life, Jesus revealed TO US the character of God.

John 14:9 No-one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

John 1:18 Jesus answered: Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.

QT: Napoleon

Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and myself all founded empires; but on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ alone founded his empire on love, and at this very hour millions would die for him."

C. Through His death, Jesus received FOR US the penalty of God for sin.

John 1:29 Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John the Baptist introducing Jesus.

I John 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

I Peter 3:18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

D. In Jesus' death God expressed His LOVE for us, His commitment to judge evil, and His ability to FULFILL His purpose for us.

Romans 5:7-8 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Isaiah 53:5,6 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed... the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Hebrews 10:14b Because by one sacrifice he has made perfect for ever those who are being made holy.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ill: Judge Love & Justice meet !

Trans: What do I need to do to be saved?

HOW CAN I KNOW FOR SURE THAT GOD HAS SAVED ME?

1 John 5:13 I write these things to you ... so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Great promise!

I. God receives us just as we are, when we RECEIVE Him just as He is.

John 1:11-12 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Q: So, does that mean EVERYONE goes to heaven? NO! promise!

Note: It is a RELATIONSHIP ... We can have it NOW!

A. God is our loving Creator, and our rightful Judge. We must RECEIVE Him as that.

Isaiah 44:24; 48:17 This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, ...I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.

Jeremiah 24:7 I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.

Note: We must accept Him on HIS terms.

We cannot demand to be OUR OWN god.

II. We must receive what He has done for us, believing and TRUSTING in the love and forgiveness God offers us. **This is FAITH**

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 4:16 And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

James 2:19 : "You believe there is one God. Good! Even demons believe that!"

III: Chair (NOT just Temporal of Intellectual).

III. We must receive Him by responding to His offer, calling upon God as He has revealed Himself in JESUS, acknowledging our need and asking Him to save us.

Romans 10:9, 12, 13 If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

A. Christ's resurrection is a believers' assurance that they too will be resurrected to be with Him FOREVER.

2 Corinthians 4:14b Because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.

Hebrews 9:28b So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise ... And so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Note: Must be HIS terms!

Ex. Marriage not done till say, "I do"!

Trans: Those that don't know Him have no REAL hope.

Thought Questions...

1. Do these things make sense to you?
2. Do you believe they are true? **Not** just "understand it"
3. Have you ever come to God, humbly acknowledging your sin before him, and asked him to save you?
4. If not, would you like to do that?