



SERMON NOTES

Week 2 September 19, 2021

“Jesus”

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord



I. Birth & Death

- A. The gospel writer Matthew quotes the book of Isaiah to understand Jesus’ birth, saying “they will call him _____ or “God with Us.”
- B. A common first century Jewish name “Yehsua” (or “Jesus”) is translated as _____ or _____.
- C. Jesus’ death on a cross was not the tragic end of a Jewish leader’s life, but demonstrated that Jesus had _____ what he claimed.

II. Life & Teaching

- A. The gospel of John begins by claiming Jesus is the “Logos” or _____ that became flesh.
- B. Jesus took on the established religion of the day, turning over _____ in the temple.
- C. Jesus taught us even to love our _____.

III. “Jesus is Lord”

- A. When Jesus calmed the _____ and _____, the disciples were overcome with awe.
- B. To say that “Jesus is Lord” meant that _____ was not, and carried great risk.
- C. We can trust that the death of Jesus accomplished what he said it would because of the _____.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

At the heart of the Apostle's Creed are professions about Jesus. While many would agree that Jesus was "a great moral teacher" or even a prophet and religious reformer, Christian faith attests to these claims and more. He is the "only Son," "the Christ," and "Lord." What do Christians believe about Jesus? Why do they believe it? And why does it matter?

Monday: I believe in Jesus Christ, [God's] only Son // Mark 1:1-3

In Mark, the first of the gospels ever written, the author writes that he begins "the good news about Jesus," and then calls Jesus "the Messiah" or "Christ" and the "Son of God." Some have argued that an understanding of Jesus as both fully divine and fully human was a formulation that came much later, as a late invention of Jesus followers. But this understanding of Jesus appears in the earliest first-century documents, not as an elaborate argument, but as a transforming reality in the lives of early believers. How has this understanding of Jesus, transformed you?

Tuesday: Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary // Luke 1:26-38

Mary reacts to the news of her angelic messenger with shock and confusion, as would her betrothed, Joseph. The baby is to be given a name that would describe his saving mission. God chose a teen-aged girl and young carpenter from an obscure village to nurture Jesus. Does the improbability of the stories of Jesus' birth detract from their credibility in your mind, or make them less likely to have been made up? What does it mean for you that Jesus was marked from birth as the bringer of salvation through love and grace?

Wednesday: Suffered under Pontius Pilate // Matthew 27:1-2,11-26

Pontius Pilate may seem like a strange character to include in a creed. He was Rome's highest official in Jerusalem. And though Pilate clearly knew that Jesus was innocent, he carried out a gross injustice by sending Jesus to crucifixion. How are we tempted today into political maneuverings like that of Pilate, instead of having the moral courage to do what is just? As you pray today, ask God to reveal to you any prejudice or fear that may be preventing you from living into who God truly needs you to be.

Thursday: Was crucified, dead and buried // 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Paul tells the church in Corinth "...[Jesus] died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." The Apostle's Creed attests to the reality of Jesus' death. Paul goes on to say, "if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" Christ's death begins to open the door for us to give up our guilt and self-destructiveness. Pray today, that God would release you from fear and guilt, to be fully alive.

Friday: The third day he rose from the dead // 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

1 Corinthians 15 is the first account to be written about Jesus' resurrection. While some denied resurrection, Paul spoke of meeting Jesus, and more than 500 eyewitnesses. Paul describes how evil and death were defeated, and if it all isn't true, he said, then Christian faith is worthless. Does Paul's confident faith in the resurrection, written while eyewitnesses were still alive, deepen your faith? Pray with a confident hope that Jesus is alive today.

MOVING FORWARD: Jesus Christ, Our Lord // Philippians 2:5-11

The writer of Philippians, quoted an ancient Christian hymn that boldly declared "Jesus is Lord." Because Roman emperors claimed and protected this title, often with violence—claiming "Jesus is Lord," was no small statement. For Jesus' earliest followers and Christians around the world, this bold declaration, changes EVERYTHING! As you carry this understanding into next week, what does it mean for you that "Jesus is Lord?"

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) Emmanuel, B) deliverer or savior, C) accomplished.

IIA) Word, B) tables, C) enemies. IIIA) water and waves, B) Caesar, C) resurrection.