

The Holiness and Kingship of Christ: Knowing Jesus Fully

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Summary

Jesus: God in Flesh, Resurrected King, Sin-Bearing Savior, Only Way to God

Scripture References

Primary text

- Acts 2
- John 1
- 1 Peter 3:18

Other references

- Romans 1:16
- 1 Corinthians 1:18
- Galatians 4:4
- 1 Peter 1:3-4
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Genesis 2:17
- Jeremiah 17:9
- Matthew 5-7
- Exodus 34:7
- John 14:6

Overview

Continuing the “Gospel Shapes Outreach” study, tonight focused on the question, “Who is Jesus?” Acts 2 was read to show a full, biblically-shaped gospel presentation. The lesson stressed that the gospel is not merely a salvation formula; it is the declaration of the whole person and work of Christ—His holiness, power, and completed mission. Seeing Jesus for who He truly is exposes our sin and drives authentic evangelism.

Main Points

The Power Connection: Word, Gospel, Power

- Romans 1:16 and 1 Corinthians 1:18 link “word,” “gospel,” and “power” (dunamis).
- The gospel is dynamic action—the rule, reign, and working of Christ going forth.

“When you see Christ for all He is, you begin to connect, ‘I’m not that.’”

Jesus Is God in the Flesh

- John 1 affirms Jesus' eternal pre-existence: He has “never not been.”
- “Begotten” means of the same essence as the Father—never created, never less than God.
- He took on a genuine human nature without surrendering divinity so He could represent humanity (Genesis 2:17 requirement).
- **Illustration:** Trying to grasp an uncreated God stretches our time-bound thinking; everything we know begins and ends, yet the Word was already there “in the beginning.”

Jesus Is the Resurrected King

- Acts 2:32-36 shows resurrection and coronation combined: ascended, seated at the Father's right hand, enemies made His footstool.
- 1 Peter 1:3-4: His resurrection secures a living hope and an imperishable inheritance.
- Covenant imagery: a greater king liberates subjects from a lesser tyrant—Jesus conquered sin, death, and the grave.
- Failure to rise would mean failure to save; His empty tomb proves His authority.

“Jesus rose from the grave as the victorious King.”

Jesus Is the Sin-Bearing Savior

- 1 Peter 3:18 and 2 Corinthians 5:21: the righteous suffered once for the unrighteous.
- The law exposes sin but cannot heal; perfect obedience was required, and only Christ met it.
- Sacrificial pictures—from Eden's coverings to wilderness rock-striking—point to a final, sufficient substitute.

Jesus Is the Only Way to God

- John 14:6: exclusive claim—no one comes to the Father except through Him.
- All other options fail: universalism violates God's justice (Exodus 34:7); self-effort collapses under the heart's deceit (Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 5-7).
- Therefore evangelism must present the whole Christ, not only His death sentence.

Gospel-Shaped Evangelism

- Peter's Pentecost sermon centered on Christ, mentioning the crowd only to indict their rejection.
- Numbers and immediate responses are God's domain; our task is to make Christ fully known.
- **Story:** The speaker promised his daughter an outdoor play-kitchen three times but could not deliver—contrast to Jesus whose promises never fail.

Key Truths

- The gospel's power flows from the person of Christ, not a method.
- Jesus is eternally God and authentically man—unique and holy.
- His resurrection validates His kingship and guarantees believers' hope.
- Only a sinless substitute can atone; Jesus alone bore sin efficaciously.
- Evangelism must spotlight the fullness of Jesus' identity and work.

Response

- Marvel daily at Jesus' holiness—fully God, fully man, risen King.
- Examine your heart against His perfection and confess known sin.
- Share the gospel by declaring who Jesus is before explaining what He did.
- Use Scripture's law to reveal need, then present Christ as the only remedy.
- Persist with seekers; be willing to “sit and labor” until Christ is clear.

Closing

The study closed by reminding listeners that proclaiming Christ is a foretaste of eternal worship. All evangelistic effort aims to “make Him fully known,” trusting the Spirit to cut hearts just as He did at Pentecost.

“Everything to Him—make Christ known and make much of Him.”

Prayer

The group thanked Jesus for being “the way, the truth, and the life,” asked for Spirit-led boldness to carry the gospel in word and deed, and lifted specific community needs, praising God for His faithfulness.