

Jesus Christ – The Author and Finisher of our Faith

Hebrews 12:2

- Like: Architect and Contractor
 - Designer and Builder
 - But- Christ is the Creator, Sustainer, Completer, Finisher, Etc of our Faith!
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- I. Jesus Christ is the Author of our Faith
 - a. In the Beginning – the Word – John 1
 - b. Christ's coming – ordained from the beginning (Genesis 3:16)
 - c. Pictured in the sacrifice in the Garden of Eden
 - d. Pictured with Isaac on the mount with Abraham
 - e. Pictured in the sacrifices of the nation of Israel

 - II. Jesus Christ is the Finisher of our Faith
 - a. Not only wrote the script – but came to fulfill what was written (John 10L:10)
 - b. In the “fullness of time”, He came (Gal. 4:4)
 - c. Christ paid what we could not pay

- d. Willingly offered Himself for us
- e. Died – “It is Finished” (John 19:30)
- f. Rose Victorious – defeating Death
- g. Now – He intercedes for us!

Jesus is Always With You

Hebrews 13:5-15

- I. Jesus created your way
- II. Jesus has walked your way
- III. Jesus knows what lies
ahead in your way
- IV. Jesus will direct your way
- V. Jesus will never leave you
along the way

Jesus is compassionate

Matthew 9:35-38

- I. Moved with compassion
 - a. Jesus noticed the people
 - b. Jesus knew their need
 - c. Pray for laborers
- II. Jesus knows our problems (Hebrews 4:15)
 - a. Knows our thoughts (notice verse 4 in chapter 9)
 - b. Touched by our problems
 - c. Bear one another's burdens (Gal 6:2)
 - d. Jesus was tempted as we are
- III. Jesus brings help
 - a. Jesus is our Intercessor – Romans 8:27
 - b. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit – John 14:26
 - c. Jesus will never leave us – Matt 28:20
- IV. We are to show compassion as He did - Jude 22-24

Jesus is Emmanuel – God with us

Matt 1:23

1. God began with man in Garden
 - a. Visited Genesis 3
 - b. Sin broke fellowship
2. God was with His people
 - a. The Ark of the Covenant – Ex. 25:8
 - b. Pillar of fire, cloud – Ex. 13:21-22
3. God became Man
 - a. Jesus came - text
 - b. Jesus lived, worked, felt, etc
4. God is always with us
 - a. Holy Spirit – John 14:26
 - b. I am with you always – Mt 28:20
5. The Plan is to be with Him forever – Ps 23:6

Jesus is Great

Luke 1:32

- I. A Great Beginning
 - a. Miraculous conception
 - b. Angelic Host
 - c. Unique setting
- II. A Great Life
 - a. Perfect
 - b. From oblivion to historical
 - c. Miracles
- III. A Great Compassion (Mt 9:36)
 - a. Helped least
 - b. Helped unlovable
- IV. A Great Sacrifice
 - a. Gave His own life, willingly
 - b. Tragic, horrible death
- V. A Great Future
 - a. Rule and reign

b. Forever and forever

c. We will reign with Him

Jesus is Knocking

Revelation 3:20 (17-22)

- I. Jesus is knocking
 - a. He is making the effort
 - b. He wants you to accept Him

- II. Our role
 - a. If any – whosoever will may come
 - b. If you hear Him – being attentive
 - c. If you open the door – putting aside pride

- III. His promise
 - a. I will come in – a relationship
 - b. I will sup with you – communion of fellowship

The Answer is: Jesus!

Acts 5:25-42

- I. Purpose for life
 - a. God made you – in His image
 - b. God died for you
 - c. Now live for Him!

- II. Peace facing death
 - a. We will live somewhere forever
 - b. Jesus has prepared a place for us

- III. Priority in the family
 - a. Why do we do what we do?
 - b. Children living for Jesus

- IV. Proper response in culture
 - a. We know who holds tomorrow
 - b. We know why we believe what we believe
 - c. We are consistent because Jesus never changes

Jesus is: The Good Shepherd

Psalm 23

- I. The Good Shepherd Leads His Sheep
 - a. Guides us each step of the way
 - b. Never leaves us – Heb 13:5
 - c. Provides the Comforter for us – Jn 14:16

- II. The Good Shepherd Feeds His Sheep
 - a. In green pasture
 - b. Still waters

- III. The Good Shepherd Guards His Sheep – Jn 10:1-16

- IV. The Good Shepherd Finds His Lost Sheep – Luke 15:1-7

- V. The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life for His Sheep –
John 10:11

Jesus is the Lamb

John 1:29-37

- I. Lamb from God – Genesis 22
 - a. Sacrificial
 - b. Given by God
 - c. Price we could not pay

- II. Lamb that is spotless – without sin
- III. Lamb that was willing – in humility
- IV. Lamb – the first and the last sacrifice
- V. The Lamb that is also the Great Shepherd

Jesus is The Light

I John 1

- I. Light brings Hope and Joy
 - a. “joy cometh in the morning” (Ps 30:5)
 - b. Light brings healing (windows)
 - c. Light drives out the darkness

- II. Light reveals problems
 - a. Shows imperfections
 - b. Shows sin

- III. Light brings clarity
 - a. Able to read/discern
 - b. Understanding (“light comes on”)

- IV. Light brings Life
 - a. Things only grow in the light

V. Light brings Security

- a. Scared of the dark
- b. Light shows dangers
- c. Light always in Heaven

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life

John 14:6

- I. The Way
 - a. The Only way to God
 - b. There is a “way” that seemeth right (Prov 14:12)
- II. The Truth
 - a. Not “your truth”
 - b. Truth that is foundational
 - i. Truth in the Word
 - ii. “in the beginning was the Word” (John 1:1)
 - iii. Word brings Guidance
 - iv. Word teaches about God
 - v. Word is our Bread
- III. The Life
 - a. Life apart from spiritual death
 - b. Life with purpose and meaning
 - c. Life that is eternal

Jesus is Worthy

Revelation 5

- I. Jesus alone is Worthy to open the book
- II. Jesus is Worthy because He is God
- III. Jesus is Worthy because He is Holy
- IV. Jesus is Worthy because He alone is Perfect
- V. Jesus is Worthy because He paid the price for our sin
- VI. Jesus is Worthy of our Faith and Trust