

A mosaic of Christ Pantocrator, the ruler of the universe. He is depicted with a stern expression, wearing a crown and a blue and gold robe. Behind his head is a circular halo with a cross. In the upper left and right corners of the halo are the Greek monograms IC and XC, respectively. The background is a textured gold leaf.

KNOWLEDGE THAT SAVES

Matthew 7:21-23

MATTHEW 27:21-23

“(21) Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (22) On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ (23) And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”



INTRODUCTION

- *Sermon on the Mount*
- *False teachers → False followers*
- *Unexpected response*
- *How did they miss the point?*



OUTLINE

I. Many will miss the point

II. Why did they miss the point?

III. How do we not miss the point?

A mosaic of Christ Pantocrator, the ruler of the universe. Christ is depicted with a stern expression, wearing a crown and a blue mantle over a gold robe. He is surrounded by a golden halo with a cross. The background is a textured gold leaf. In the upper left corner, the Greek monogram 'IC' (IHS) is visible, and in the upper right corner, the Greek monogram 'XC' (CHR) is visible.

I. Many will miss the point



I. Many will miss the point

The will of the Father:

1- Believing in Jesus (John 6:28-29)

“28 Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” 29 Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.””



I. Many will miss the point

The will of the Father:

2- Love God and neighbor (Matthew 22:37–39)

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”



I. Many will miss the point

“(21) Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

The background features a faint, dark image of a religious figure, likely Jesus, with a halo. The figure is centered and appears to be wearing a robe. On either side of the figure's head, there are faint, stylized symbols that resemble the letters 'IC' and 'XC'.

I. Many will miss the point

“(22) On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’

(23) And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

A mosaic of Christ Pantocrator, the ruler of the universe. Christ is depicted with a stern expression, wearing a crown and a blue and gold robe. He is surrounded by a golden halo with a cross. The background is a textured gold leaf. In the upper left and right corners, the Greek monograms IC and XC are visible, representing the first and last letters of the name of Jesus Christ.

II. Why did they miss the point?



II. Why did they miss the point?

- 1) *“Lord, Lord...” - a title without its function*
- 2) *“did we not...” - misplaced boasting*
- 3) *“Workers of lawlessness” - hypocrisy*



II. Why did they miss the point?

1) *“Lord, Lord...” - a title without its function*



II. Why did they miss the point? - “Lord, Lord...”

- *The nature of their belief (James 2:19)*
- *Admiration without conviction*
- *Following Christ the Lord’s example (John 13:13-17)*
- *Jesus as the only Lord (Philippians 3:7-8)*



II. Why did they miss the point? - “Lord, Lord...”

Summary:

*Claiming Jesus as your Lord means nothing if
He doesn't function as such in your life.*



II. Why did they miss the point?

2) *“did we not...” - misplaced boasting*



II. Why did they miss the point? - “did we not...”

Symptoms

- *Boasting in supernatural works*
- *What would impress Jesus? (Jer. 9:24, 2 Cor. 10:17)*



II. Why did they miss the point? - “did we not...”

Symptoms

22) On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophecy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’



II. Why did they miss the point? - “did we not...”

Symptoms

- *Boasting in supernatural works*
- *What would impress Jesus? (Jer. 9:24, 2 Cor. 10:17)*

II. Why did they miss the point? - “did we not...”

Jeremiah 9:24 “but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”

2 Cor 10: 17 “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

II. Why did they miss the point? - “did we not...”

Thomas Watson:

“Grace will bring a man to heaven without working miracles, but working miracles will never bring a man to heaven without grace.”





II. Why did they miss the point? - “did we not...”

Symptoms

- *Boasting in supernatural works*
- *What would impress Jesus? (Jer. 9:24, 2 Cor. 10:17)*

Root problem

- *Self-reliance, misunderstanding the gospel*



II. Why did they miss the point? - “did we not...”

APPLICATION:

What is the foundation of my assurance? What am I trusting in today for my assurance before God — my works, feelings, or Jesus’ finished work?

II. Why did they miss the point? - “did we not...”

Summary:

Our boasting cannot be in ourselves but in Jesus alone; to know Jesus is to trust in what He has done, not in what you can do. It's to turn from self-reliance and rest your confidence in His finished work on the cross and His victory in the resurrection.



II. Why did they miss the point?

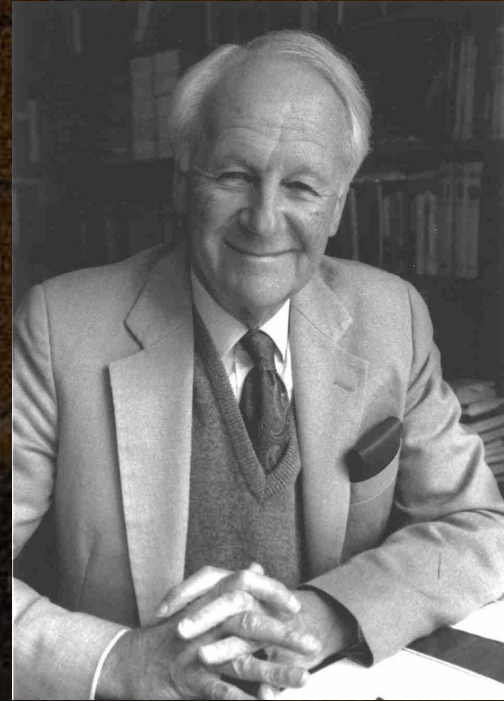
3) *“Workers of lawlessness” - hypocrisy*

II. Why did they miss the point? - “workers of lawlessness”

- *No repentance at the beginning*
- *Hypocrisy, knowing and preaching the truth, but not living it*
- *Self-righteousness*
- *Comfort in sin that grieves Christ (1 John 3:6)*

II. Why did they miss the point? - “workers of lawlessness”

John Stott: “Real repentance should have these two components - admitting and rejecting. We begin by admitting the sin (with our minds) for what it is, but then secondly, we forsake it (with our hearts), rejecting and repudiating. This is to adopt a right attitude towards both God and the sin itself.”



II. Why did they miss the point? - “workers of lawlessness”

Tim Keller: “[Repentance] is the way we make progress in the Christian life. It is the key to growing deeply and steadily into the character of Jesus...If we know we are loved and accepted in spite of our sins, that makes it far easier to admit our flaws and faults...”



II. Why did they miss the point? - “workers of lawlessness”

Tim Keller: “...it gives us the deep spiritual and psychological security necessary to be quick to admit when we have been wrong... the more we know we are forgiven, the more we repent; the faster we grow and change, the deeper our humility and our joy.”



II. Why did they miss the point? - “workers of lawlessness”

Summary:

One must first accept the bad news that they are sinful, to then accept Jesus' grace. A believer who knows Jesus lives a life of repentance where they are constantly being realigned with God's heart.



II. Why did they miss the point?

To know Jesus is to:

- *Accept not just the title but function of His Lordship*
- *Trust in what He has done, not what we can do*
- *Live a life of repentance, trusting in His forgiveness*

A mosaic of Christ Pantocrator, the ruler of the universe. Christ is depicted with a stern expression, wearing a crown and a blue and gold robe. He is surrounded by a golden halo with a cross. The background is a textured gold leaf. In the upper left and right corners, the Greek monograms IC and XC are visible, representing the first and last letters of the name of Jesus Christ.

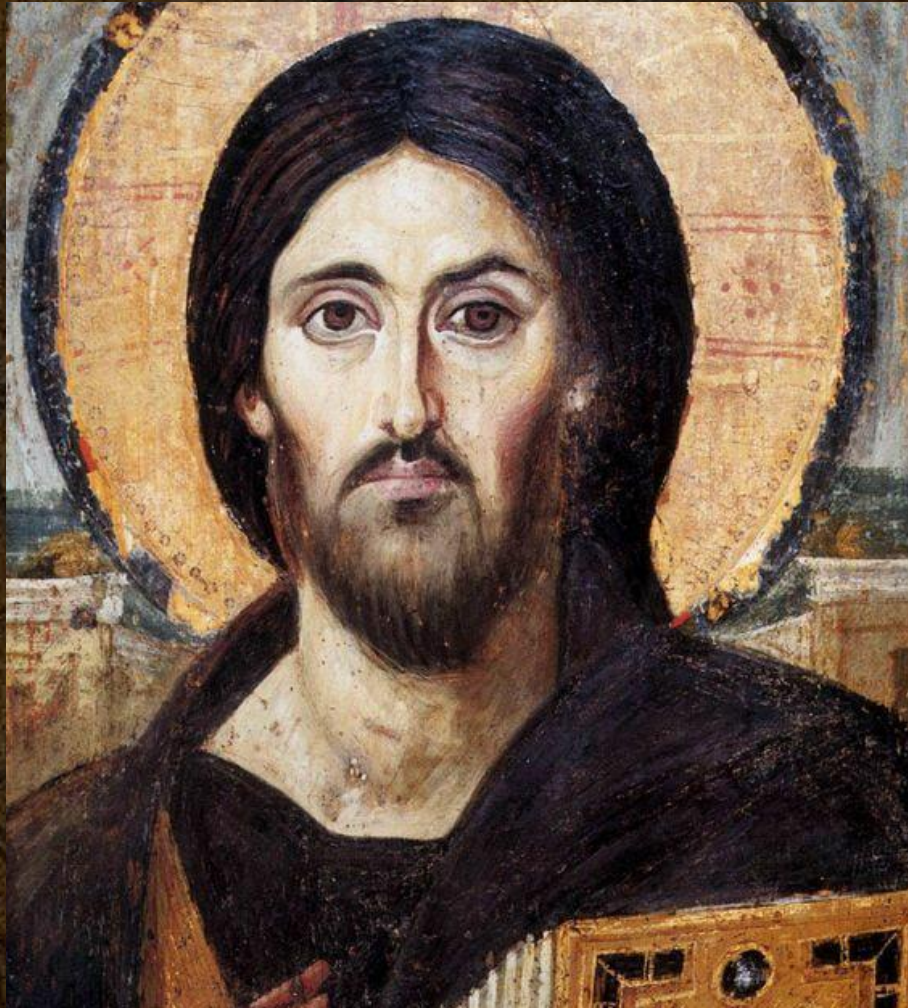
III. How do we not miss the point?



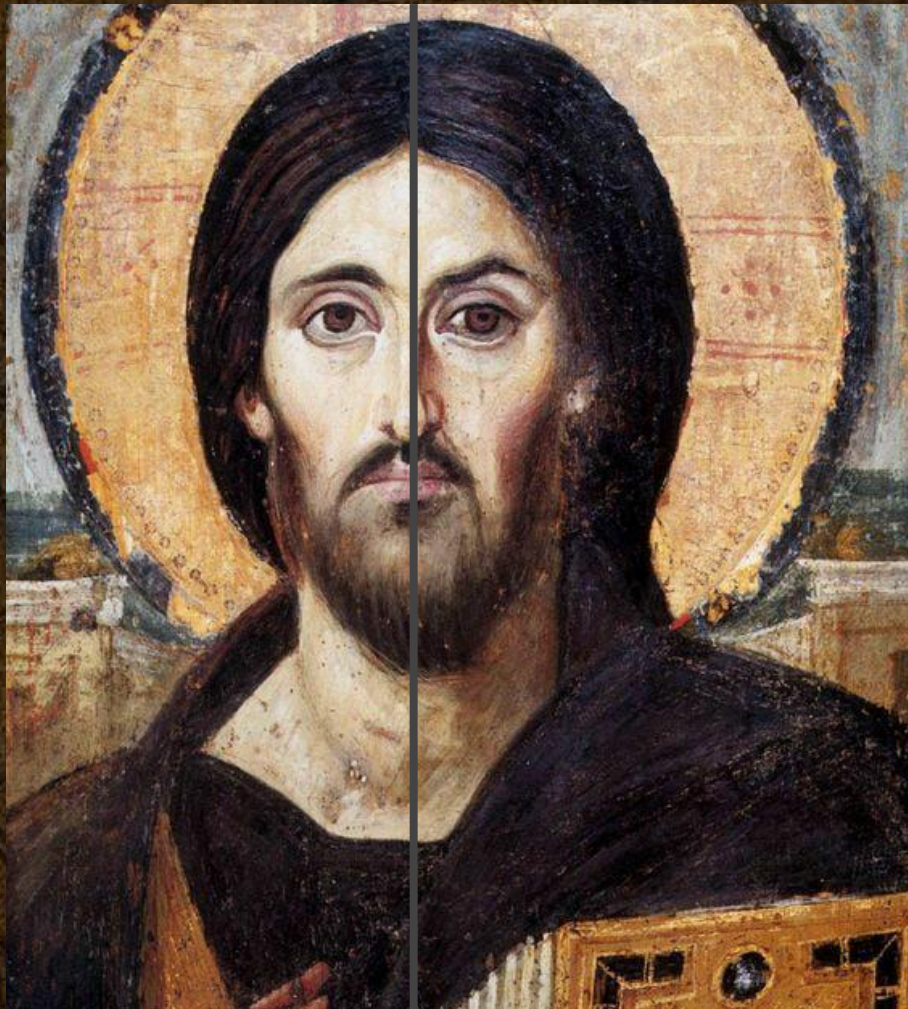
III. How do we not miss the point?

- *Jesus' heart behind the warning (1 Timothy 2:3–4)*
- *Where the solution starts*
- *The holy rituals were pointless without the Holy One being the focus*

*Christ
Pantocrator
(almighty/
ruler of all)
painting*



*Christ
Pantocrator
(almighty/
ruler of all)
painting*





III. How do we not miss the point?

How can we know Jesus?

- *Acknowledging my self-centeredness*
- *Accepting grace*
- *Talking with a Christians*
- *Asking someone to pray for me*



III. How do we not miss the point?

APPLICATION:

If Jesus truly knows you and loves you already, what stops you from responding to that love today?



III. How do we not miss the point?

How can we know Jesus deeper?

- *Time in His presence*
- *Surrendering idols*
- *Sharing His heart*
- *Loving others*
- *Being part of a church*

III. How do we not miss the point?

APPLICATION:

- *How would Jesus describe your relationship with Him — as a servant doing things for Him, or as a child known and loved by Him?*
- *How can our church reflect Jesus' heart toward the religious? How can we cultivate a culture where intimacy with Christ matters more than activity for Him?*



III. How do we not miss the point?

Remember, Jesus says:

*“Whoever comes to me I will never cast out”
(John 6:37)*

A mosaic of Christ Pantocrator, the ruler of the universe. Christ is depicted with a beard and long hair, wearing a blue robe over a gold robe. He has a large, golden halo with a cross-like shape inside. In the upper left corner, the Greek monogram IC (IHSO) is visible, and in the upper right corner, the Greek monogram XC (XPI) is visible. The background is a textured, golden-brown color.

KNOWLEDGE THAT SAVES

Matthew 7:21-23