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## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
May 27, 2018



#### Jesus of Nazareth was a remarkable individual.

*Albert Einstein - "As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene.... No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life."*

*H. G. Wells (British Historian) "I am an historian, I am not a believer, but I must confess as a historian that this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very center of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history."*

*"About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was one who performed surprising deeds and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was [thought to be] the Messiah. And when, upon the accusation of the principal men among us, Pilate had condemned him to a cross, those who had first come to love him did not cease. He appeared to them spending a third day restored to life, for the prophets of God had foretold these things and a thousand other marvels about him. And the tribe of the Christians, so called after him, has still to this day not disappeared.*

*Josephus - Jewish Antiquities, 18.3.3"*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NLT) Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. <sup>2</sup>It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. <sup>3</sup>I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>4</sup>He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>5</sup>He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.<sup>7</sup> Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church. <sup>10</sup>But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favour on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace. <sup>11</sup>So it makes no difference whether I preach or they preach, for we all preach the same message you have already believed.

#### Four Compelling Reasons Why we can Believe in the Resurrection.

• **Christ fulfilled prophecy.** v. 3 "Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said."

Isaiah 53:3-6

• **Christ was dead.** v. 4 "He was buried..."

• **Christ was raised.** v. 4 "...and he was raised from the dead on the third day"

*"The resurrection could not have been maintained in Jerusalem for a single day, a single hour, if the emptiness of the tomb had not been established as a fact for all concerned."* Paul Althaus

• **Christ was seen by many.** v. 6-8

C.S. Lewis. "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

**Big Idea: Believe in Jesus the risen Saviour King.**

*Matthew 16:13-16 (NLT) <sup>13</sup>When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>"Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." <sup>15</sup>Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

**In light of the evidence for the resurrection how do you answer the question: "Who do you say I am?"**

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT).*