

INTRODUCTION

I. Recognize Better When We See It

1. Better dressed
2. Better food
3. Better weather
4. Better people
5. Better mood

II. April Fool

1. It's also April Fool's day
2. Why should I trust Jesus.

#1 - JESUS IS THE BETTER EXPERIENCE (v1:4,6-8)

I. Angels Are Under Authority

1. We like the idea of meeting with the divine
 - (1) Other religions teach we can ascend to God (new series)
 - (2) Only in Christianity does God descend to us.

II. Jesus Is In Authority

MATT. 28:18 | *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me..."*

1. He is claiming to be God
 - (1) No other religion
 - i. Krishna, Mohammad, Budah
 - (2) "I and the Father are one..."
 - i. Christianity is never offensive by what it does. It is always offensive by what it says.
2. Which Gives Him Authority
 - (1) He has authority over angels because he has all authority over all creation,
 - i. You are not an independent person, you were created to be a dependent person.
 - (2) Haircut: All God's are the same
 - i. There is one God for all people, for all nations, for all genders (Rev. 7)
 - ii. Inclusive/Exclusive
 - (3) You will give an account to this King, to this ruler, to this Savior.

#2 - JESUS IS THE BETTER ADVOCATE (v3:3-4, 7:23-28)

I. People Are Sinful



1. I dare you to find any fault, flaw or failure.
 - (1) Even if you don't believe in sin, even if you're not a particularly religious person
 - i. *"Nobody's perfect"*
 - ii. *I don't care what Oprah says, you can never be your best "you" now.*
 - (2) Sin includes:
 - i. *Thoughts, motives, inclinations, feelings, actions (omission/comission)*

II. Jesus Is Perfect

JN. 8:46 | *"Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?"*

1. Sin isn't just between people:
 - (1) We have all been sinned against
 - (2) We have all sinned against others
 - (3) But all sin is about God (Psalm 154)
2. Jesus is a perfect substitute
 - (1) You don't need to hide your side, deny your sin, or minimize your sin.
 - (2) You can have you sin forgiven.
 - (3) "Pharisees: who can forgive sin but God alone".

#3 - JESUS IS THE BETTER REST (v4:8-13)

I. Our Rest Is Superficial

1. Haircut: Going golfing
 - (1) This culture is more anxious, more confused, more unsettled...than any culture in our history.
 - (2) And we are constantly looking for someone, somewhere, someway to be at peace and be at rest.
 - (3) If we are not perfect, if we are flawed, if we have faults...then it would stand to reason we are limited in our capacity for self-reflections, self-awareness, and self-assessment.
 - i. *If we just elect the right leader*
 - ii. *If I just go the right places*
 - iii. *If I just find the right hobby*
 - iv. *If I just work at the right job*

II. Jesus' Rest Is Surgical

MATT. 11:28-29 | *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*

1. Something deeper that undermines your rest
 - (1) What are you putting your faith in?



(2) Put your faith in Jesus

#4 - JESUS IS THE BETTER PROMISE (v7:22, 18-21a)

I. Promises Are Fickle

1. Everyone in here has broken a promise or has had a promise made to them broken.
 - (1) Relationship promises
 - (2) Vocational promises
 - (3) Consumer promises
2. Promises are important to us because assurance is important to us.
 - (1) No one in here wants to waste their time

II. Covenants Are Fixed

LUKE 22:20 | "And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

1. If you put your faith in Jesus...
 - (1) You can be assured that He does what says He does
 - (2) He does not change His mind, He does not go back on what he says, no 'take backs', no 'just kiddings', no 'fingers crossed'.
 - (3) When He says that He alone saves and the He alone give rest...it is because He alone that brokered the covenant assuring us of such a claim.
 - i. *When you buy a car, the salesman didn't build it*

#5 - JESUS IS THE BETTER PLACE (v11:16)

I. Places Are For Wandering

1. I have lived in 18 different houses over the course of my life.
 - (1) My gen. and millennial are the most transient in history.
 - (2) However, very few people, if any, in this room, can say they have had one permanent place their entire lives.
 - i. *Places are for wandering*

II. Jesus Is For Settling

JN. 14:1-3 | "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

1. Jesus is not on here
 - (1) **Buddhists** can go to Sri Lanka and visit the Temple of the Tooth
 - (2) **Mormons** can go to Illinois and take pictures of the Smith Family Cemetery in Illinois
 - (3) **Muslims** can go to Saudi Arabia and see the Mosque of the Prophet



MATT. 28:5-6 | *But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."*

2. Closing

- (1) Angel said - because Jesus is the better experience
- (2) Go and tell the disciples - because Jesus is the better advocate
- (3) do not be afraid - because Jesus is the better rest
- (4) just as he said - because Jesus is the better promise
- (5) go to Galilee - because Jesus is the better place

VIDEO | *A GREATER NEED*

