

Intro

1. Lost in a crazy season

IMG - MN Fire / Riot

- (1) My experience
- (2) Calls for a #wokechurch
- (3) Ecclesiastes (21) prepared us
1. Change people 2. Confront Injustice
- (4) Posts/shouting & quotes,
none of it Christian,
even if well intended
- (5) Theology lesson (broccoli)

2. Outline

- (1) Five Fantastic Truths
about worshipping Jesus
- (2) Three Thrilling Facts
About Building Community
- (3) Four Fabulous Points
About Living Life

12 points!

I. Jesus is King over our Christology,
so we can worship a better God (v. 15-17, 19)
(Christo + logos)

5 Fantastic Truths About
Worshipping Jesus

1. Jesus Background

(1) 1st 30 years working a
job

(2) 3 years in ministry
& then died

which is about right

(3) The most important person
ever.

Mr. Rogers - 15¢ kills
(sweetness → tattoos)

Walt Disney - cryo under
Disneyland

John Lennon - CIA killed

Elvis - alive

- Allen - competitive ice dancing

(4) More important = more rumors

(5) So many stereotypes,
legends, myths, assumptions

2. Jesus is God (v15a, v19)

(1) Like Father, like Son

Jn 14:9 - Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

(2) Normans - spirit brother of Satan

Religion



(3) JW - Archangel Michael

Generation

(4) Hindu - "a" god



(5) Muslim - wise prophet

The historicity of Jesus may not be in question for most Americans, but people are much less confident in the divinity of Jesus. Most adults—not quite six in 10—believe Jesus was God (56%), while about one-quarter say he was only a religious or spiritual leader like Mohammed or the Buddha (26%). The remaining one in six say they aren't sure whether Jesus was divine (18%).

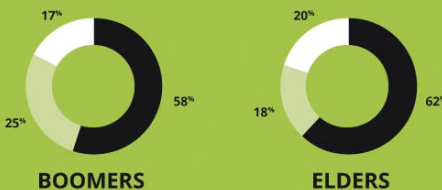
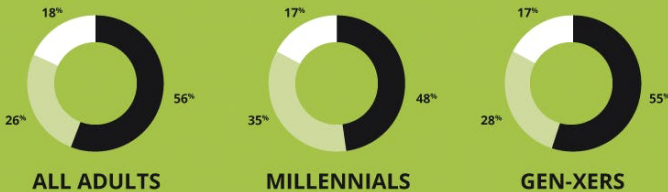
Millennials are the only generation among whom fewer than half believe Jesus was God (48%). About one-third of young adults (35%) say instead that Jesus was merely a religious or spiritual leader, while 17 percent aren't sure what he was.

In each older generation, the belief in Jesus as divine is more common—55 percent of Gen-Xers, 58 percent of Boomers and nearly two-thirds of Elders (62%) believe Jesus was God.

? I BELIEVE JESUS WAS...

★ Project

■ GOD ■ ONLY A RELIGIOUS OR SPIRITUAL LEADER ■ NOT SURE



Hebrews 1:3, 8 - [Jesus] is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power... of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom."

(b) Jesus gets to decide who He is & tell you what He's like

3. Jesus is King (v15b, v17a)

(1) Firstborn = proto kokos

? =
context

1. First in birth order
2. But also, first in preeminence / rank

1 Samuel 16:10-13 - And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel... Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him... And he sent and brought him in... Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David...

Psalms 89:20, 27 - I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him... And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

(2) Paul wants us to know
Jesus is pre-eminent
over creation

1. Highest in rank.
2. If this was a company
He'd be CEO

Military ... general

Country ... president

3. Jesus is King over
creation.

4. Everything reports to Jesus!

(2) Not just everything & everyone ... but every part.

Some of you hand-over your life the way an older sibling hands over their stuff.

Shout out to youngest siblings, where everything hand-me-down.

(4) Paul is preparing you to start handing over things you not done with yet

4. Jesus is Creator (v16)

(1) "By Him"

Gen.1:2-3, 26 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters...Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

John 1:1-2, 14 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

In many places, Scripture attributes the work of creation particularly to the Father (see **Eph. 3:9**, for instance). However, the references to all three persons of the Holy Trinity and Their involvement in creation show us that while the work of creation may reveal the Father in particular, **creation is something all three persons do in common**. This must be so, for if God is one, then each person of the Godhead must be involved in everything that God does. **When the Father acts, the Son and the Holy Spirit act** as well. Father, Son, and Spirit are identical in Their attributes, so if the Father exercises His omnipotence to create, the Son and the Spirit do so as well because the omnipotence of the Father is the omnipotence of the Son is the omnipotence of the Spirit. Traditionally, this coworking of the three persons of the Godhead is known as **the doctrine of inseparable operations**.

(2) "Through Him"

John 1:1, 3 - In the beginning was the Word...All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made...

1. The Father planned
2. The Son created
3. The Spirit energized

(3) "For Him"

1. For His redemption

1 Corinthians 15:28 - When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

2. For His glory

Isaiah 43:7 - "...everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

3. For His pleasure

Psalms 104:31 - May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works...

5 Jesus is Sustainer (v17b)

(1) By Him, Through Him, For Him

1. Now, "In Him"

All things hold together. "Cohere." He is the principle of cohesion in the universe. He impresses on creation that unity and solidarity which makes it a cosmos instead of a chaos. Thus, to take one instance, the action of gravity, which keeps things fixed in their places and regulates the movement of things, is an expression of Christ's mind. Similarly in Hebrews 1:3, Christ, the *Logos*, is described "as sustaining all things," that is, sustaining the universe.

Hebrews 1:3 - He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power...

If Jesus is God:

He is everywhere

Knows everything

Is in Control every time

If Jesus is King:

He is actively, not
passively, ruling & reigning
over every square inch
of this universe

Cosmos not chaos

If Jesus is Creator:

All things are purposed

If Jesus is Sustainer:

He is holding all things
together

II. Jesus is King over our Ecclesiology
so we can build a better community (v18, 20)
(EK Klessia + Logo)

3 Thrilling Facts About Building Community

1. The church has a Head (v18a)

1 Peter 5:4 - And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

(1) We need to organize the church according to the King:

1. Not culture
2. Not tradition
3. Not majority

(2) He decides how we lead & how we proceed.

2. The church has a credibility (v18b)

(1) He is alive (why aren't you excited)

1. Same message, not boring

Resurrection is not a season
The Great British Baking Show
You've just binged

(2) We don't need anymore credibility.

Stop treating the church like that middle-school version you

3. The church has a Purpose (v20)

(1) We don't need a mission or purpose statement.

1. Missional Church
2. Communal Church
3. Bible Church
4. Worship Church

More?

1 Thessalonians 5:10 - [Christ] died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 - For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this...he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Philippians 1:21 - For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

(2) Do I need to go on?

(3) He wants everyone to live!

(4) Which brings us to our next point

III Jesus is King over our Soteriology, so we can live a better life (v21-22)
(soteria + logos)
4 Fabulous Points about living your life

1. Jesus changes your mind so you can live a better life (v21a)

(1) We think → transform
circumstances = better life

Romans 12:2 - Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

(2) Change how we think about God, ourselves, world around us.

(3) Salvation isn't a change in consequence, it is a fundamental worldview shift

(4) You think differently about everything

2. Jesus changes your actions so you can live a better life (v21b)

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

(1) Saved by grace, through faith for good works

(1) Begin to treat people different, speak different, prioritize life different

3. Jesus changes your status so you can live a better life (v.22a)

Ephesians 2:1, 4-5 - And you were dead in the trespasses and sins... But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us...made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved...

(1) Strangers/Aliens - fellow citizens / members of household

(2) Far off / Brought near

(3) Separated / Dividing Wall of Hostility

4. Jesus changes your identity so you can live a better life (v.22b)

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself...

(1) You are not:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Doctor | 2. Lawyer |
| 3. Nurse | 4. Engineer |
| 5. Republican | 6. Democrat |
| 7. Libertarian | 8. Gay |
| 9. Straight | 10. Transgender |
| 11. Black | 12. White |
| 13. Latino | 13. Asian |

(2) You are: see list

Conclusion

(023)

(lost)

1. stable, not shifting

(1) If you're going to find your way through the craziness & injustice of this season...

(2) find true north.
set your compass.

1. By Him
2. through Him
3. For Him
4. In Him

(3) Allow Jesus to reveal Himself as

1. God
2. King
3. Creator
4. Sustainer

2. Which means we need to build better communities.

(1) So let Jesus be King over your Ecclesiology

1. If we can't figure it out, let Jesus lead the way.

3. We need to function
from a:

(1) Transformed mind

(2) New Status

(3) Changed Identity

This is what a #woke
church looks like.

“Outside of Christ, I am weak; Inside of Christ I am strong.” Watchman nee

“My deepest awareness of myself is that I am deeply loved by Jesus Christ and I have done nothing to earn it or deserve it.”

“Define yourself radically as one beloved by God. This is the true self. Every other identity is illusion.”

“The more you reaffirm who you are in Christ, the more your behavior will begin to reflect your true identity.”

“Who I am in Christ is amazing. Who Christ is in me is the real story. It is beyond amazing.”

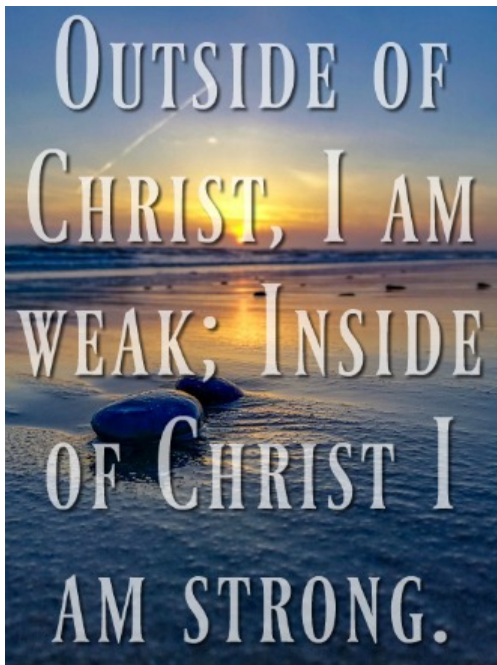
“Our true identity is found when we stop being “who we are” and start being who we were created to be.”

“I am a daughter of the King, who is not moved by the world. For my God is with me and goes before me. I do not fear because I am His.”

You are a child of God

1. Galatians 3:26 “For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

You are alive in Christ



6. Ephesians 2:4-5 “But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **made us alive with Christ** even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.”

You are someone who is deeply loved by God.

7. Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, **I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**”

8. Romans 8:38-39 “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us **from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**”

You are seen as precious

9. Isaiah 43:4 “Because **you are precious in my eyes**, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.”

You are the branches of the true vine.

10. John 15:1-5 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 “**I am the vine; you are the branches**. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

You are understood by God

11. Psalm 139:1 “For the director of music. Of David. A psalm. You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; **you perceive my thoughts** from afar.”

Christians are heirs of God

12. Romans 8:17 “Now if we are children, **then we are heirs**—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

You are an ambassador for Christ

13. 2 Corinthians 5:20 “Therefore, **we are ambassadors for Christ**, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

You are God's special possession

14. 1 Peter 2:9-10 “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **God's special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

15. Exodus 19:5 “Now if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you will be My **treasured possession** out of all the nations—for the whole earth is Mine.”

16. Deuteronomy 7:6 “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His prized possession, above all peoples on the face of the earth.”

You are beautiful

17. Song of Solomon 4:1 “**How beautiful you are, my darling!** Oh, how beautiful! Your eyes behind your veil are doves. Your hair is like a flock of goats descending from the hills of Gilead.”

18. Song of Solomon 4:7 “**You are altogether beautiful,** my darling; there is no flaw in you.”

19. Song of Solomon 6:4-5 “You are as beautiful as Tirzah, my darling, as lovely as Jerusalem, as majestic as troops with banners. Turn your eyes from me; they overwhelm me. Your hair is like a flock of goats descending from Gilead.

You were created in His image.

20. Genesis 1:27 “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

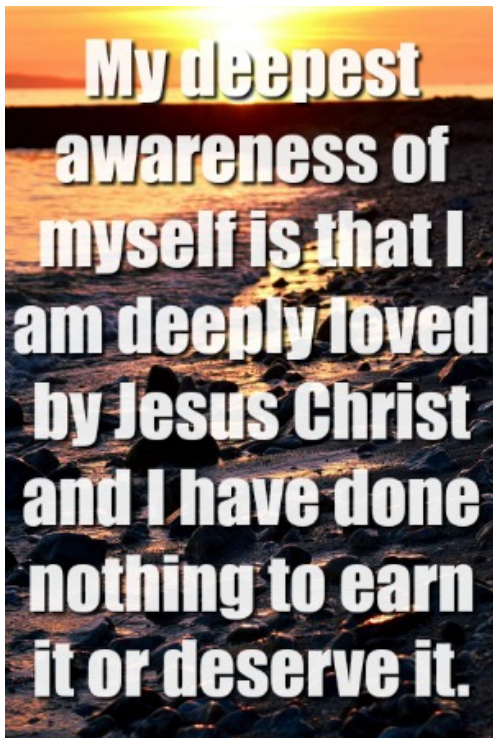
You are a citizen of Heaven

21. Philippians 3:20-21 “But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. 21 He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.”

You will judge angels

22. 1 Corinthians 6:3 “Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!”

You are a friend of Christ



23. John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

24. John 15:15 "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

You are strong because your strength comes from Christ.

25. Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

26. 2 Corinthians 12:10 "That is why, for the sake of Christ, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

You are a new creation in Christ.

27. 2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

28. Ephesians 4:24 “and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

You are fearfully and wonderfully made

29. Psalm 139:13-15 “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because **I am fearfully and wonderfully made**; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.”

You are redeemed

30. Galatians 3:13 “**Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us**, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”

The Lord supplies all of your needs

31. Philippians 4:19 “But **my God shall supply all your need** according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Your past, present, and future sins are forgiven.

32. Romans 3:23-24 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

33. Romans 8:1 “Therefore, there is now **no condemnation for those who are in Christ** Jesus.”

In Christ you are seen **as a saint**

34. Corinthians 1:2 “To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those

sanctified in Christ Jesus, **called to be saints** together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours.”

You are set apart

35. Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I set you apart and appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

36. Hebrews 10:10 “**We have been set apart** as holy because Jesus Christ did what God wanted him to do by sacrificing his body once and for all.”

37. Deuteronomy 14:2 “You have been set apart as holy to the Lord your God, and he has chosen you from all the nations of the earth to be his own special treasure.”

You are someone who has been set free

38. Ephesians 1:7 “**We have been set free** because of what Christ has done. Through his blood our sins have been forgiven. We have been set free because God’s grace is so rich.”

39. Romans 8:2 “For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”

You are the light of the world

40. Matthew 5:13-16 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. **You are the light of the world.** A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

You are complete in Christ

41. Colossians 2:10 “And **ye are complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power.”

God has made you more than a conqueror

42. Romans 8:37 “Yet **in all these things we are more than conquerors** through Him who loved us.”

You are the righteousness of God

43. 2 Corinthians 5:21 “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him **we might become the righteousness of God.**”

Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit

44. 1 Corinthians 6:19 “Or do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you**, whom you have from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

You are chosen

45. Ephesians 1:4-6 “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.”

You are seated in heavenly places

46. Ephesians 2:6 “And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.”

You are God's workmanship

47. Ephesians 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”