

Stir Up More Jesus

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11 (NKJV)

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Introduction

I'm not sure if you can sense that time is drawing near, events of our time, the sweeping changes taking place globally and locally, the conversations we're having on a national and international scale. It all points to the imminent shifting of the governance of our world as we know it and the coming of the Lord Jesus. Whether, some denominations wish to call it the Rapture, or whether they want to call it the 2nd coming of Jesus, whether they believe we are already heading into the tribulation period or whether we are currently before the tribulation period. One thing we can all agree on is the fact that Jesus said:

John 14:1-6 (NKJV) 1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

With all of the public dialogue about God and how man has tried to politicize God nationalize Christianity, there is a

gnawing reality that needs to chew away at our nonchalance. And that is the whole world is talking about God right now!

Whether you're unsatisfied with how a party tries to use God
Whether you're unhappy with how a party ignores God
Whether you're sure that many of misused God
Or whether you're unsure where God stands on the sin and hypocrisy of mankind
Or whether you don't believe in God at all

No matter where you sit on the issues we're wrestling with, you cannot deny that God is trending in the public space!

According to ChatGPT:
the search term "God" was searched 450K times in the month of November 2026
But even more interestingly the search term "Jesus" was searched 820K times in the month of November 2026

God is not in competition with Jesus. As of a matter of fact, God the Father casts all light upon Jesus Christ. And if you don't mind today, I wanna talk to you about Stirring up More Jesus!

The Name of Jesus Christ is one of the most controversial names in human history. Depending on which time period you lived in, or what age group you are a part of, the Name of Jesus has either been celebrated or censored!
Those that love Him will love being associated with Him
Those that hate Him will do everything in their power to make sure that the Name of Jesus is not heard, nor written anywhere in the public space.
Some platforms float His Name regularly sometimes in affirmation and other times in marketing manipulation
Other platforms treat Jesus like He's a marked offender. When Jesus is credited or highlighted, you can see them nervously trying to shift the conversation away from Him—"let's go to commercial" "we don't want to offend some of our viewers."

With all the righteous things that Jesus did while He walked the earth, He stirred up enough trouble with the power establishment of the Jews and their collusion with the Romans. An Empire was intimidated by His Presence. A religious order was being exposed for its failures. The power and influence of an empire and perhaps the largest religion in the world were being challenged by one Man—who claimed to be God and moved in supernatural power.

Rome in all of its economic and military power had no answer for Jesus who could feed thousands at a time and bring the dead back to life and even Himself be resurrected.
The Jews in their historic and religious dominance throughout the world had no answer for Jesus who claimed to be older than all their prophets, claimed to predate Abraham (the progenitor of their entire nation), and claimed to be the Messiah (the One whom their religion prophetically pointed to). The Jewish people adored Jesus, the religious order rejected Him and sought to turn others against Him.

Celebrated & Censored

Even in Bible days, the Name of Jesus was clearly the most celebrated and the most censored Name.

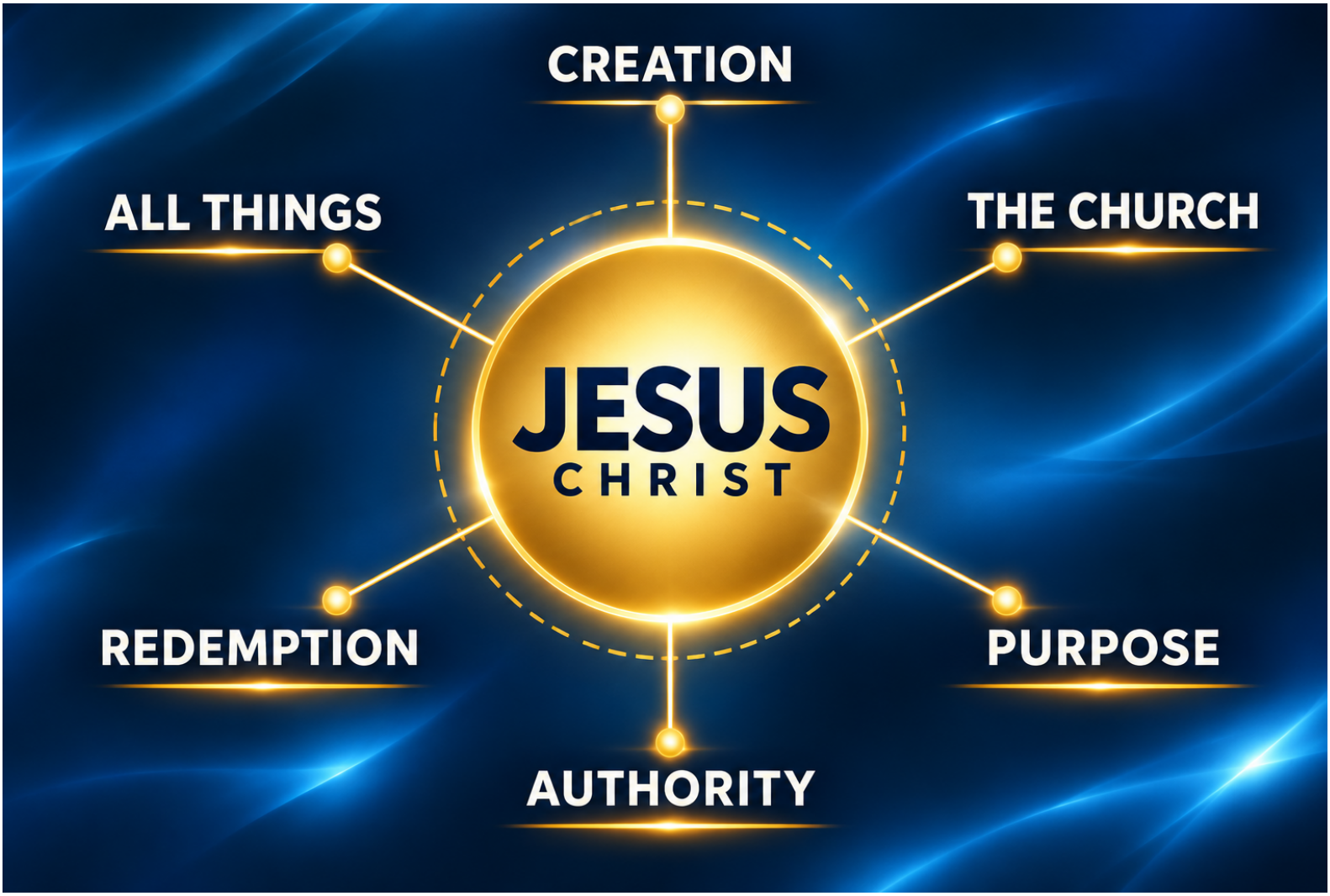
Acts 3
Peter and John came upon a man who was lame from birth
The lame man laid at the gate of the temple gate called Beautiful.
Around the 9th hour of the temple, he was there begging for alms
Peter and John were about to go in, and the lame man saw them and asked them of they had any alms to give him
Peter and John gave him their attention and Peter said these famous words "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give unto thee." In other words, "I don't have any money for you, but I have something else that will help you!" "In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" Peter took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and the man's feet and ankle bones received strength. He began leaping and entered the temple with them leaping and praising God.
The people saw it and knew it was the man who was previously lame and begging at the gate. They knew it was a miracle

that took place.
This caused the people to rally around in astonishment. Peter took this moment to not hype the miracle but to do something important —to TALK ABOUT JESUS!
Peter began preaching about Jesus from Abraham down to Christ's Crucifixion and how they killed their own Savior and that the Father raised Jesus from the dead.
Peter open the revelation of who Jesus is from Moses to the Messiah.

Acts 4,
the priests, the captain of the temple and the Sadducees (representing the religious order) rejected Peter and John's witness about Jesus and commanded that they be arrested and they were jailed.
But even while they were being arrested, the Bible says that over 5000 believed the words of Peter as he preached about Jesus.
Yes the same Peter who cut off the ear of Marcus when Jesus was being arrested, now he had the ears and attention of 5000 new believers
As Peter and John spent the night in jail, they were brought before the Sanhedrin and were asked "By what power or by what name have you done this?"
Peter answered: Acts 4:10-12 (NKJV) ***10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."***

The Centralized Authority of Jesus

The Revelation of God Himself
Colossians 1:15-18 (NKJV)
15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.



All Authority Given to Him by the Father

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)
18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV)
9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the Name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Head of the Church
Ephesians 1:21-23 (NKJV)
21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.
22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

The Presence & Proximity of Jesus

For the believer today, we are resident in our faith in both the Presence of Jesus with us and in us and also in expectancy in the proximity of Jesus and His soon return.

The Presence of Jesus in and with us

John 14:19-24 (NKJV)

19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

The Proximity of Jesus (Return)

John 14:1-6 (NKJV)

1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."

5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Acts 1:9-11 (NKJV)

9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

James 5:7-8 (NKJV)

7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

The Promise and Entrance into the Kingdom of God

Revelation 22:12-14 (NKJV)

12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.