



Salvation in Christ Alone

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John 3:9-13

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Who is Jesus

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.-A.W. Tozer

Who is Jesus

Matthew 16:13 - 16:17

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, saying, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” **14** And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” **15** He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” **16** And Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the **Son of the living God.**” **17** And Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Jesus Testimony on Jesus

Luke 14:26 - 14:27

“If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Matthew 10:37 - 10:38

“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

John 14:21 - 14:23

He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?” 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 dwelling with him.

The Fathers Testimony On Jesus

Matthew 3:16 - 3:17

And after **being baptized**, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him, and behold, there was a voice out of the heavens saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

Matthew 17:1 - 17:5

And six days later Jesus brought with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three booths here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; **listen to Him!**”

The Fathers Testimony On Jesus

Hebrews 1:5 - 1:6

For to which of the angels did He ever say, “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”? And again, “I will be a Father to Him And He shall be a Son to Me”?

And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “And let all the angels of God worship Him.”

Hebrews 1:8 - 1:9

But of the Son He says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness above Your companions.”

Hebrews 1:13

But to which of the angels has He ever said, “Sit at My right hand, Until I put Your enemies As a footstool for Your feet”?

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“Nicodemus’ incredulous question is not How can this be? (NIV), but ‘How can this happen?’ Doubtless he himself had for years taught others the conditions of entrance to the kingdom of God, conditions cast in terms of obedience to God’s commands, devotion to God, happy submission to his will; but here he is facing a condition he has never heard expressed, the absolute requirement of birth from above”

D. A. Carson, *The Gospel according to John, The Pillar New Testament Commentary* (Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans, 1991), 198.

He Fails to Realize He is a Sinner

Depravity: moral corruption;
wickedness the quality or
state of being corrupt, evil,
or perverted.

Total Depravity

Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can know it?”

Ecclesiastes 7:20

Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:10 - 3:18

as it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become worthless; There is none who does good, There is not even one.” “Their throat is an open tomb, With their tongues they keep deceiving,” “The poison of asps is under their lips”; “Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness”; “Their feet are swift to shed blood, Destruction and misery are in their paths, And the path of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

The Heart of Nicodemus

Luke 18:9 - 18:14

And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and was praying these things to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other, for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Truly, truly I say to you, we speak of what we know and bear witness of what we have seen, and you do not accept our witness.

“We must believe in the word of God....This is where faith comes in.”

John 6:44 (It is impossible to understand)

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

The Teacher of Israel

Ezekiel 36:25 - 36:27

Then **I will** sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; **I will** cleanse you from all your uncleanness and from all your idols. Moreover, **I will** give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and **I will** remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **I will** put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to do My judgments.

READ: Ezekiel 37:1 - 37:14

And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

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John 1:14

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1 - 1:3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Remember

John 20:30 - 20:31

Therefore, many other signs Jesus also did in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

“And now let us bow
down before the Majesty
of our Gracious God”