



# **The Messiah We Didn't Expect**



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A Journey with Jesus through the gospel of Mark

1:1 The Beginning of the gospel? Is the Gospel more than we thought?

Based on many old testament passages, what were the Jews expecting in their messiah? Why do they still think He hasn't come yet?

What is striking about Marks 1<sup>st</sup> sentence?

What distinguished 'Marks' account from the others?

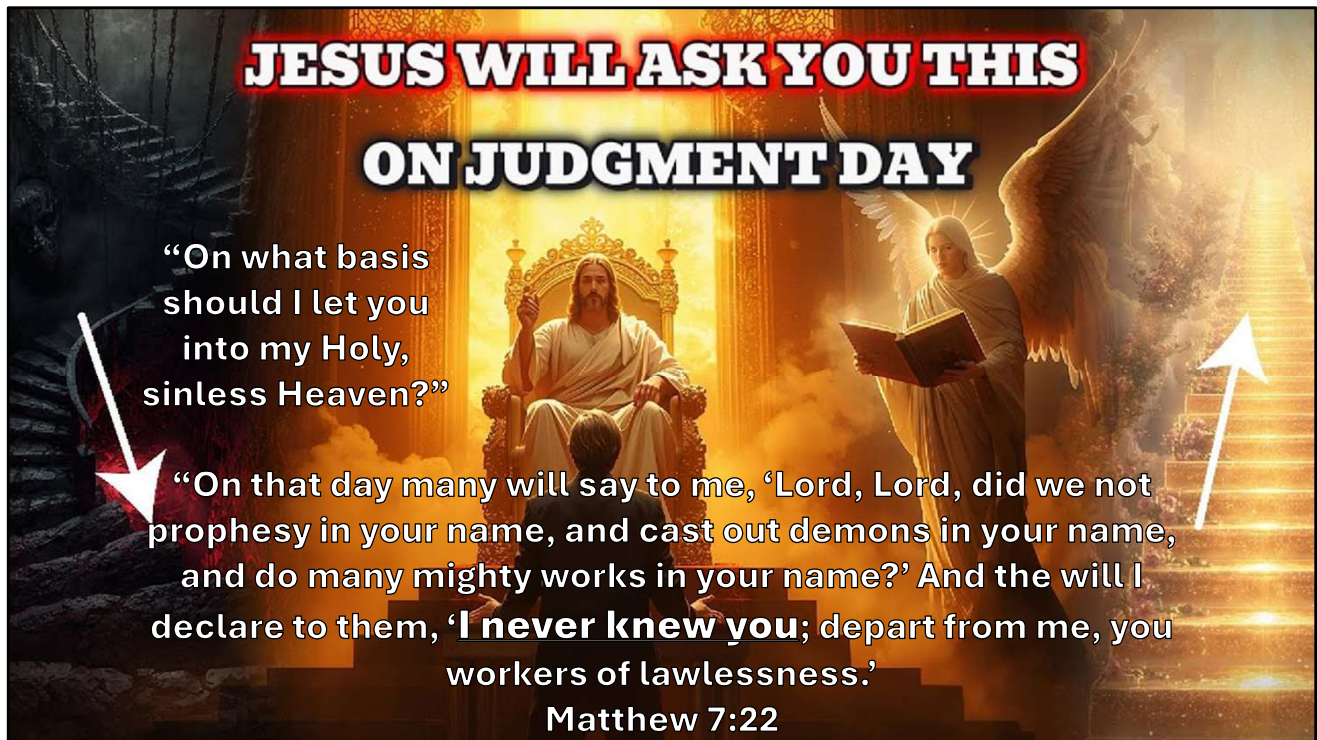
Who is Mark? What do we know about him?

What are the **essential** elements of the gospel?

Can you confidently share the gospel with others?

What are some common errors about what the gospel is/is not?

Have you heard the term "easy Believism"? and why it's a problem?



The Implied rhetorical question!

[Mar 8:27-30 ESV] 27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, **"Who do people say that I am?"** 28 And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." 29 And he asked them, **"But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."** 30 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

Mat 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. **22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'**

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Please, lets be careful about a minimalistic, truncated version of the gospel . Its so much more than just how to get to heaven!

# MARK 1:1-15

## “THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL”



President Trump and the Hope of Heaven

How do you get to Heaven?

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*According to the 2020 American Worldview Inventory from Arizona Christian University, half of Americans believe that “if a person is generally good, or does enough good things during their life, they will “earn” a place in Heaven.*

Earlier this week, while explaining his efforts to end the war between Russia and Ukraine, [President Trump said](#):

*I want to try to get to heaven, if possible. I’m hearing that I’m not doing well. I really hit the bottom of the totem pole. But if I can get to heaven, this will be one of the reasons.*

According to the [annual “State of Theology” survey](#) conducted by Ligonier Ministries and LifeWay Research, **65% of evangelicals agreed that everyone is “born innocent in the eyes of God,” a position that denies [the doctrine of original sin](#) and the reason people *need* salvation in the first place. 56% of evangelicals agreed with the statement, “God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam,”** <https://theaquilareport.com/president-trump-and-the-hope-of-heaven/>

**It is the common default position of every newly deceased loved one that they automatically went to Heaven, unless they did something really Bad!**



# In the beginning,

- Mark 1:1 – “**The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**” The beginning??
  - Mark 10:6 – **But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’**
  - John 1:1-2 – **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (Genesis 1:1)**
  - Acts 1:1 – In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with **all that Jesus began to do and teach**

The same Greek word for beginning in Mk.1 is the same as the beginning of creation! See other uses below

**Strong's G757 - ἀρχή archē Archaic, archangel, Archbishop**

[Mar 1:1 ESV] 1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

[Mar 10:6 ESV] 6 But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'

[Mar 13:8, 19 ESV] 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but **the beginning of the birth pains**. ... 19 For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be.

[Jhn 1:1-2 ESV] 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.

[Jhn 8:25 ESV] 25 So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning.

[Act 1:1 ESV] 1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,

[Col 1:18 ESV] 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

[Heb 2:3 ESV] 3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at **first** by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard,

[Heb 3:14 ESV] 14 For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

[1Jo 1:1 ESV] 1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—

1Jo 2:13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father.

[1Jo 2:13, 24 ESV] 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. ... 24 Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.

[1Jo 3:11 ESV] 11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

[Rev 21:6 ESV] 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

[Rev 22:13 ESV] 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

[Gen 1:1 ESV] 1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

[**Phl 1:6** ESV] 6 And I am sure of this, that **he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.** (From same root Greek word)

**The gospel begins with justification/redemption but isn't finished until sanctification and glorification! His kingdom come!**

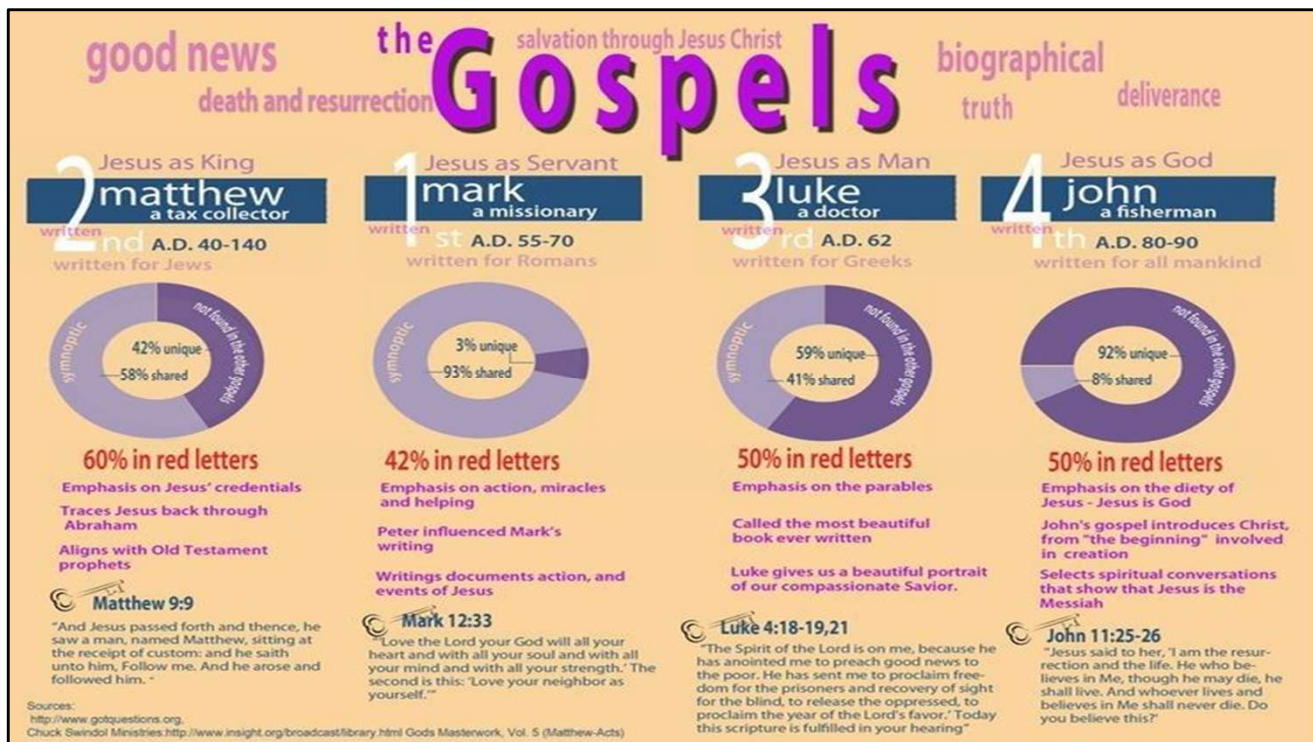


**Interestingly many people think their salvation was complete with a simple prayer and then go off to live as they please**

**It is finished = Justification. Jn.19:30**

**Being saved = Sanctification. 1Cor.1:18, 2Cor.2:15**

**He will glorify = Rom.8:17, 30**



The beginning of the gospel = Gospel describes the body of faith, and also the individualized transforming work of justification...

2, 1, 3, 4 + When written and published, Many Conservative theologians believe Mark was written 1st!, the others filled in more details and new material, notice Mark has only 3% unique info!

**Matthew and John were original disciples, Mark was scribe for Peter! Luke for Paul?**  
 A Gentile, Drops sweat/blood, So only half gospel writers were original disciples, only 1 of them was a fisherman out of 6! Matthew was outsider

Jesus as King, Jesus as Servant/King, Jesus as Man (Luke the Physician), Jesus as God!

Written for Jews, for Romans, for Greeks, for all mankind

Marks gospel, was 1st/premise for others, Shortest, Fastest/most direct

**Luke**, the name Luke is a Gentile name, of Greek/roman background. Possibly a Hellenized

Jew? Highly educated (White Collar)

Col 4:10-11, 14 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and **Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions--if he comes to you, welcome him)**, 11 and Jesus who is called Justus. **These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God**, and they have been a comfort to me. ...14 **Luke the beloved physician greets you**, as does Demas.

## **Mark**

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[Act 13:5, 13 ESV] 5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. ... 13 Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And **John left them and returned to Jerusalem**,

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[2Ti 4:11 ESV] 11 **Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.**

[1Pe 5:13 ESV] 13 She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, **sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son.**

## **Philemon 1:23-24**

**Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow laborers.**

Before **Matthew** became a disciple of Christ, he was a tax collector or “**publican**” in the town of Capernaum (**Matthew 9:9; 10:3**). Matthew is also called Levi, the son of Alphaeus, by Luke and Mark (**Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27**).

Luke was a companion of the Apostle Paul, and the traditional view is that he was Paul's scribe or secretary, which explains the "we" passages in Acts and his access to information about Paul's life. He accompanied Paul during his missionary journeys and his Roman imprisonment, even being the only one with Paul near the end of the apostle's life.

**So 4 gospels**

**3 Jews, 1 Gentile?**

**2 Original disciples, 2 2<sup>nd</sup> degree disciples, disciples of disciples**

**1 White collar educated professional, 1 fisherman (blue collar), 1 former collaborator with Rome (Publican/tax collector) 1 fearful/deserter/frail follower Mark**

# Who is Mark?

- His Mom gave hospitality to early church! – Acts 12:12
- **John Mark**, served with Paul/Barnabas – Acts 12:12, 25
- John is likely the scribe for Apostle Peter
- John Mark fled in hard times! In Garden??  
– Mark 14:51-52
- Humble confession of cowardice to bold confessor!



John Mark wrote the gospel that bears his name **sometime between AD 55 and 59**. There could be a veiled reference to [John Mark](#) in [Mark 14:51–52](#). In that passage a young man, roused from sleep on the night that Jesus was arrested, attempts to follow the Lord, and the mob who had Jesus in custody attempts to seize him. The young man escapes and flees into the night. **The fact that this incident is only recorded in Mark's gospel—and the fact that the young man is anonymous—has led some scholars to surmise that the fleeing young man is actually John Mark.**

**Mark is the only gospel writer who mentions the streaking disciple who fled the Garden of Gethsemane! Many view this as a late MEA culpa, confession**

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Clement also speaks of Mark when he writes, “Peter was publicly preaching the gospel at Rome in the presence of some of Caesar’s knights and uttering many testimonies about Christ, [and] on their asking him to let them have a record of the things that had been said, **wrote the gospel that is called the Gospel of Mark from the things said by Peter.**”





**Aren't you thankful that God can and does forgive our doubts, denials, desertions!  
And Keeps and preserves us for Himself in spite of us!**

**And they call him the Streak...boogity, boogity. Ray Stevens**

Oh yes, they call him the Streak  
(Boogity, boogity)  
Fastest thing on two feet  
(Boogity, boogity)

Oh yes, they call him the Streak  
(Boogity, boogity)  
He likes to turn the other cheek  
(Boogity, boogity)  
He's always makin' the news  
Wearin' just his tennis shoes  
Guess you could call him unique

# Of the gospel

- Εὐαγγέλιον – **euangelion** – evangelical
- “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel”  
– **Mark 16:15**
- Good News! Contrasted with Dire News!
- Obey the Gospel!  
– Romans 10:16, 2 Thessalonians 1:8, 1 Peter 4:17



[Act 13:46 ESV] 46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

[Mar 1:1, 14-15 ESV] 1 **The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ...**  
14 **Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."**

[Mar 8:35 ESV] 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

[Mar 10:29 ESV] 29 Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,

[Mar 13:10 ESV] 10 And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.

[Mar 14:9 ESV] 9 And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

**[Mar 16:15 ESV] 15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.**

Luke and John don't use the word – gospel?

Obey the Gospel- its an Ultimatum! Surrender to the true King or Die!

[Rom 1:16 ESV] 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**[Rom 10:16 ESV] 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel.** For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"

[1Co 15:1 ESV] 1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,

[2Co 11:4 ESV] 4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

[Gal 1:6-7, 11 ESV] 6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel-- 7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ... 11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel.

[Gal 2:14 ESV] 14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

[Eph 6:15, 19 ESV] 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ... 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

[Phl 4:15 ESV] 15 And you Philippians yourselves know **that in the beginning of the gospel**, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

**[2Th 1:8 ESV] 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.**

[2Ti 2:8 ESV] 8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of

David, as preached in my gospel,

**[1Pe 4:17 ESV] 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?**

[Rev 14:6 ESV] 6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

# Of the gospel

- Mark 1:15 – and saying, “**The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.**”





Names for the redeemed:

Christian – little christs

Believers

Followers of the way

Disciples, can you be a child of God and NOT be a disciple?

**Repenters!!!** Many in Europe use

**Obey the gospel! Its an Unconditional Ultimatum! And yet we can't obey! We need Him to work in and thru us!**

**It's a picture of surrender!**

The Roman Soldier bowed his knees and surrendered, Trult this was the son of god



## Onoda, The Japanese Soldier Who Kept Fighting WWII Until 1974

A Japanese soldier, Hiroo Onoda, who hid in the Philippine jungle for 29 years, refusing to believe World War II was ended until his former commander returned and ordered him to surrender. He fought a solo guerrilla war on a Philippine island until 1974.



Hiroo Onoda was a Japanese intelligence officer who hid in the jungle of the **Philippines**.



Unable to bear the shame of being captured as a prisoner of war, Shoichi Yonai hid in the jungles of Guam until January 1972



Whoever doesn't renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.  
Luke 14:31-33

Hiroo Onoda was a Japanese intelligence officer who hid in the jungle of Lubang Island, Philippines, for 29 years after World War II ended, continuing his military mission until 1974. Believing the war was still ongoing and that reports of Japan's surrender were enemy propaganda, Onoda lived in isolation, foraging for food and engaging in guerrilla warfare. He finally surrendered only after his former commanding officer, Yoshimi Taniguchi, personally traveled to the island to issue the order to stand down.

Onoda initially held out with three other soldiers: one surrendered in 1950, and two were killed, one in 1954 and one in 1972.

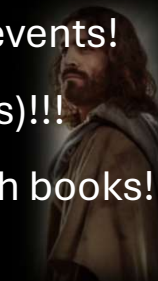
[Luk 14:31-33 ESV] 31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Hiroo and Shoichi never went back to their caves! They Did regret and lost out on a full life they could've had!

Its about Surrender!! The Empire of Japan/Imperial Japan was long dead and never worthy of such devotion! Emperor Hirohito was considered a god! And

**renounced his divinity!**

# The gospel of Jesus Christ, it's about Him!

- Jesus is sinless, **perfect**, Holy
  - Jesus is man, he hungered, slept, wept, suffered, died!
  - Jesus is GOD! He is worthy of Our Love & Worship!
    - He knows everything: Past sins, our hearts, future events!
    - He ruled over nature and the supernatural (Demons)!!!
    - He performed irrefutable miracles! 33+! Not enough books!
    - He raised the Dead and Himself and ascended!
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## How is Jesus the Messiah we didn't expect?

We didn't expect God to come as one of us, as one of His own creation, taking on mortality! He walked a lifetime in OUR Feet!

We didn't expect Him to come in Humility and winning our hearts 1st instead of in glory and power with a might army! He came in a manger, Not the sky! He came needing a Mom instead of A Sovereign with an Army!

We didn't expect the gospel to be about a person, we thought it was about our works, our religious rites/disciplines! This is personal! Our God came to us!! Instead of being summoned to Him!

We didn't expect Him to be poor! 2Cor.8:9

We didn't expect Him to deal with us so One on One! The rich young ruler, the Samaritan woman, The blind man...

We didn't expect That we couldn't DO anything! TO save ourselves, the book of the law sealed our fate, it wasn't a self help book to keep in order to save us!

## He knows everything: His Wisdom!!

[Jhn 21:24-25 ESV] 24 This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true. 25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world

itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Mark Twains **The Pauper and the prince!**

**GOD** - THE GREATEST LOVER  
**SO LOVED** - THE GREATEST DEGREE  
**THE WORLD** - THE GREATEST NUMBER  
**THAT HE GAVE** - THE GREATEST ACT  
**HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON** - THE GREATEST GIFT  
**THAT WHOSOEVER** - THE GREATEST INVITATION  
**BELIEVETH** - THE GREATEST SIMPLICITY  
**IN HIM** - THE GREATEST PERSON  
**SHOULD NOT PERISH** - THE GREATEST DELIVERANCE  
**BUT** - THE GREATEST DIFFERENCE  
**HAVE** - THE GREATEST CERTAINTY  
**EVERLASTING LIFE** - THE GREATEST POSSESSION

John 3:16, the greatest verse in the Bible

God – greatest being, King, Kind of love – Agape, Initiator!

So Loved – 1Jn.3:1 Behold what kind of love is this!

The World – Every ethnicity, class, condition....Not just Jews!

That He gave – Before God demand's, God gives! Sacrifices!! Salvation is a Gift! Not an earned reward!

His only begotten son – Theres NO One like Him! Not Gandhi, Muhammad...Buddha...The profoundness of the trinity, Jesus is deity yet retains human form thru eternity

That whosoever - [Rom 5:8 ESV] 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. NO favortism

Believes – Trust! More than devils, who believe in God and tremble! Ja.2

In Him – In Christ, not ourselves, our church, our good works...

Should NOT Perish – The Lake of Fire awaits those who reject such a Lavish gift!

But – Only 2 destinations! What a dramatic pivot! We were firebrands!

Have – Not just 'hope' like winning the lottery. We can Know. I Know Whom I have believed 2Tim.1:12

Everlasting Life – Not just length but abundance and Ideal





Christ = "anointed" NLT actually translates it as Messiah!

Christ was [and is]<sup>1</sup> the Messiah, the Son of God

Anointed 1. Edited by BLB

Christ was NOT His last Name – Its His descriptor. **He is the Messiah!**

[Mat 1:1, 16 ESV] 1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ... 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

[Mat 16:16, 20 ESV] 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."... 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

[Mat 22:42 ESV] 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David."

[Mat 23:10 ESV] 10 Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.

Mat 26:63, 68 But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ... 68 saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

[Mat 27:17, 22 ESV] 17 So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you



want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"... 22 Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!"

[Mar 8:29 ESV] 29 And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."

[Mar 12:35 ESV] 35 And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?

[Mar 13:21 ESV] 21 And then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it.

[Mar 15:32 ESV] 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

[Luk 2:11 ESV] 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

[Luk 4:41 ESV] 41 And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

[Luk 23:2, 35, 39 ESV] 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." ... 35 And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ... 39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

Luk 24:26, 46 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ... 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

[Jhn 1:17, 20, 41 ESV] 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ... 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ... 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).

[Jhn 4:25, 29 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ... 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"

[Jhn 7:26-27, 31, 41-42 ESV] 26 And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? 27 But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." ... 31 Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?" ... 41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

[Jhn 9:22 ESV] 22 (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.

[Jhn 10:24 ESV] 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

[Jhn 11:27 ESV] 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

# Jesus CHRIST = Messiah!

- The Son of David – Mark 12:35, also the son of Eve, Abraham...
- The Christ, the King of Israel – Mark 15:32
- A Savior, Christ the Lord – Luke 2:11
- 300+ Prophecies from the Old Testament
- Countless testimonies, including the Fathers!



[Gen 3:15 ESV] 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.“

## **The proto eungelion!**

[Mat 1:1, 16 ESV] 1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ... 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

[Mat 16:16, 20 ESV] 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."... 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

[Mat 22:42 ESV] 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"  
They said to him, "The son of David."

[Mat 23:10 ESV] 10 Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.

Mat 26:63, 68 But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ... 68 saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

[Mat 27:17, 22 ESV] 17 So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"... 22 Pilate said

to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!"

[Mar 8:29 ESV] 29 And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"  
Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."

[Mar 12:35 ESV] 35 And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can  
the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?

[Mar 13:21 ESV] 21 And then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it.

[Mar 15:32 ESV] 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

[Luk 2:11 ESV] 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

[Luk 4:41 ESV] 41 And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

[Luk 23:2, 35, 39 ESV] 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." ... 35 And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ... 39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

Luk 24:26, 46 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ... 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

[Jhn 1:17, 20, 41 ESV] 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ... 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ... 41 He first found his own brother Simon

and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).

[Jhn 4:25, 29 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ... 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"

[Jhn 7:26-27, 31, 41-42 ESV] 26 And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? 27 But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." ... 31 Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?" ... 41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

[Jhn 9:22 ESV] 22 (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.

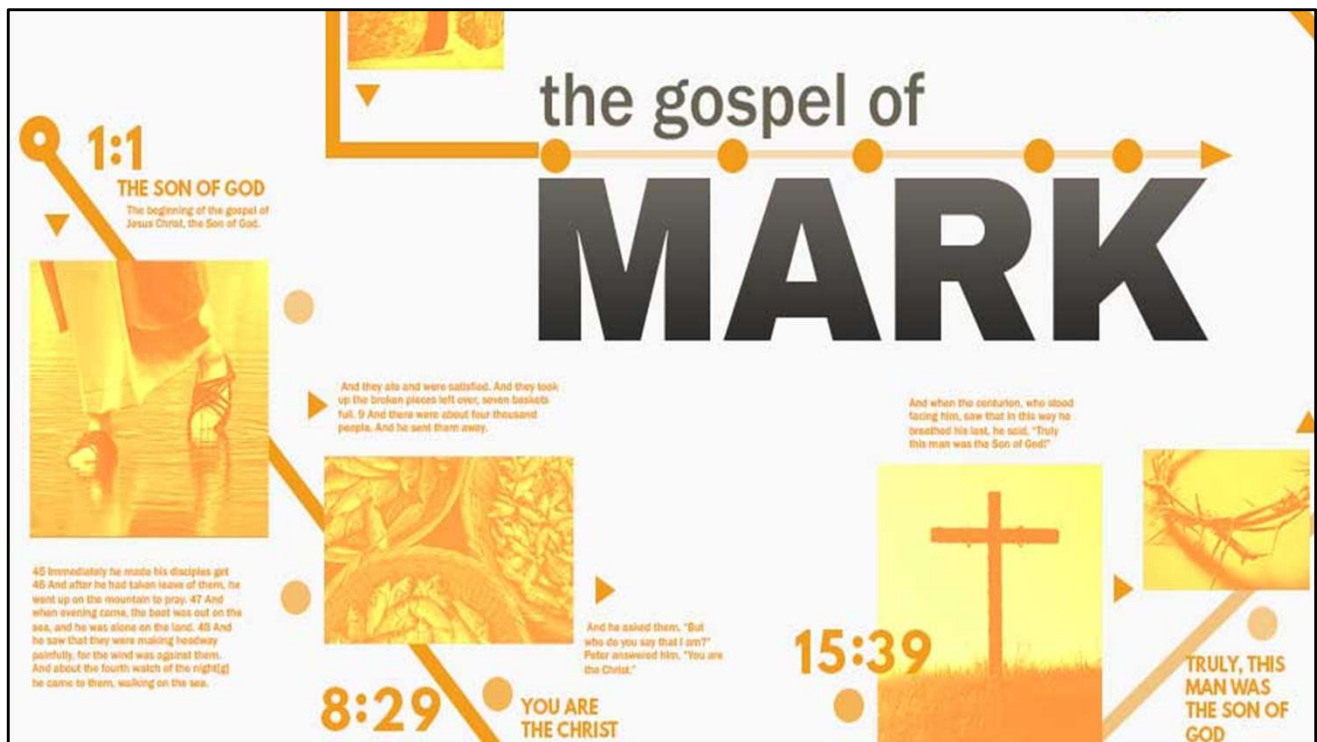
[Jhn 10:24 ESV] 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

[Jhn 11:27 ESV] 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

[Mar 1:11 ESV] 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

[Mar 9:7 ESV] 7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

[2Pe 1:17 ESV] 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"



1:1 Son of God

8:29 You are the Christ

15:39 Truly this was the son of God





**THE KINGDOM OF GOD  
HAS COME NEAR.  
REPENT AND BELIEVE  
THE GOOD NEWS!**

*Mark 1:15*

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# Repent and believe

- Repentance = a change of mind and heart in life
- Not Penance (helping to pay for your own sins)
- Believe/Trust, dependence & surrender to another
- It is personal, it is radical, it is internal/transformational!
- It is such Love for the One, you leave all else behind!



[Mar 1:14-15 ESV] 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Penitent but NOT Penitence.

Restitution yes, born of faith, not debt

its worshipful!

**Its like Cindy and Banana Splits**

**Its like the woman who found out she was about to marry her brother! In England, Twins separated at birth and adopted by separate parents later married each other without realizing they were brother and sister**

**Its like the woman who unknowingly married a rapist? Her rapist? or secret Transgender?**

Its like Shoichi Yokoi, A Japanese Warrior who surrendered 20+ yrs later

**Its like Harry Colcord and Charles Blondin!**

The most famous Japanese soldier who hid for years after surrender is Shoichi Yokoi, a sergeant who remained in a cave in Guam for 27 years, finally discovered in 1972. Another prominent soldier was [Hiroo Onoda](#), who refused to surrender and continued fighting in the Philippines for almost 30 years until 1974. Both soldiers were motivated by the Japanese military code of [Bushido](#), which held that death was preferable to the shame of being captured alive.

[Mat 3:2 ESV] 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

[Mat 4:17 ESV] 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

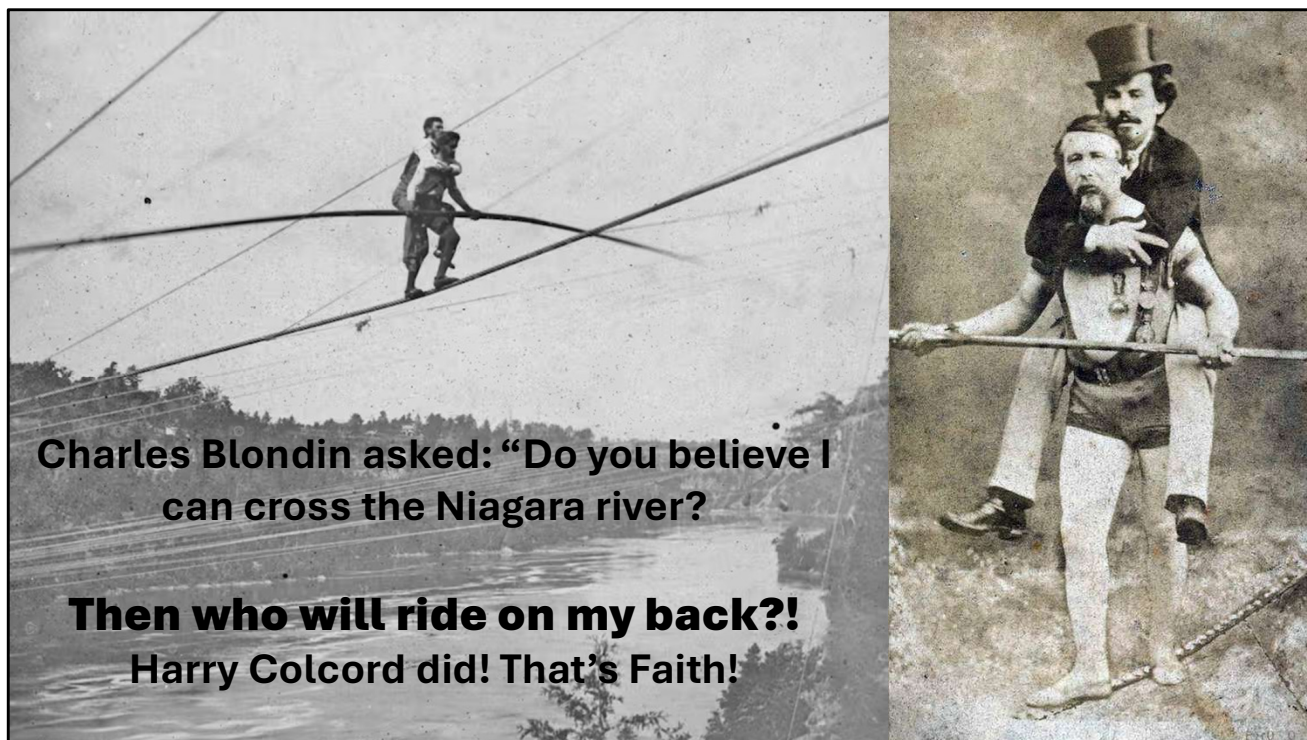
[Luk 24:47 ESV] 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

[Act 2:38 ESV] 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

[2Ti 2:25-26 ESV] 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

[Act 20:21 ESV] 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

[Heb 6:1 ESV] 1 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,



Charles Blondin crossing the Niagara River in 1859, on a tightrope, 1,100 ft (340 m) long, strung 160 feet above the water

He was reckoned to have crossed Niagara 300 times by his death

<https://www.historytoday.com/archive/niagara-tightrope>

This he did on 30 June 1859,<sup>[5]</sup> and a number of times thereafter, often with different theatrical variations: blindfolded, in a sack, trundling a [wheelbarrow](#), on [stilts](#), **carrying his manager Harry Colcord on his back**, sitting down midway while he cooked and ate an [omelette](#),<sup>[3]</sup> or standing on a chair with only one of its legs balanced on the rope.<sup>[5][6]</sup>

Charles Blondin carrying Colcord on a [tightrope](#)

*Look up, Harry ... You are no longer Colcord you are Blondin ... be a part of me, mind, body and soul. If I sway, sway with me. Do not attempt to do any balancing yourself. If you do we will both go to our death.*

Blondin died from complications of [diabetes](#)



# Ready to meet God?

- Do you confess your sin & unworthiness?!! – Luke 18:13
- Do you want to be saved from Sin or Hell? – Romans 6-7
- Will you argue your merits or His Sacrifice & love – Matthew 7
- DO you love Him, who loves us SO! (Relationship)
- Have you counted the cost? Like Marriage! Follow me!
- Has He drawn you/Have you called on Him! – Romans 10:1-10



[Ecc 7:20 ESV] 20 Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.  
Rom.3:19, 23, Prov.20:9

[Jhn 3:18-19 ESV] 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.  
19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

[Isa 64:6 ESV] 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

[Rom 6:23 ESV] 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[Mar 10:23-27 ESV] 23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

[Luk 14:26-28, 33 ESV] 26 "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.

27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ...

33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Love God 1<sup>st</sup>/Most (Marriage) Jesus as Groom

Faith in Gods truth. Embrace/Love Gods truth/Kingdom over Life itself (Lordship, you cannot accept Jesus as Savior and not as Lord!! Switching sides and bowing to Jesus as King!) Jesus as Lord/King

Hope in the invisible intangibles, not the worldly or material. Eternal perspective over temporal one.

**[Heb 11:26 ESV] 26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.**

The Bad news – Only the righteous and perfect can go to heaven, We are selfish, egregious sinners

The good news – God loves us,

[Luk 18:13 ESV] 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

Great Faith

[Mat 15:28 ESV] 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let




it be done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.  
Canaanite woman

[Mat 8:10 ESV] 10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.

Roman Centurion (x3)

3x Samaritans! Jn.4 Samaritan Woman, Samaritan Leper out of 10, Lk.17:11-19!  
Good Samaritan (interesting in light of summer series!)

3x Tax collectors Matthew, Zacchaeus. Lk.18:13 Be merciful to me a sinner  
Mt.21:31



Hell is full of people who

THINK THEY DESERVE

heaven.

Heaven is full of people who

KNOW THEY

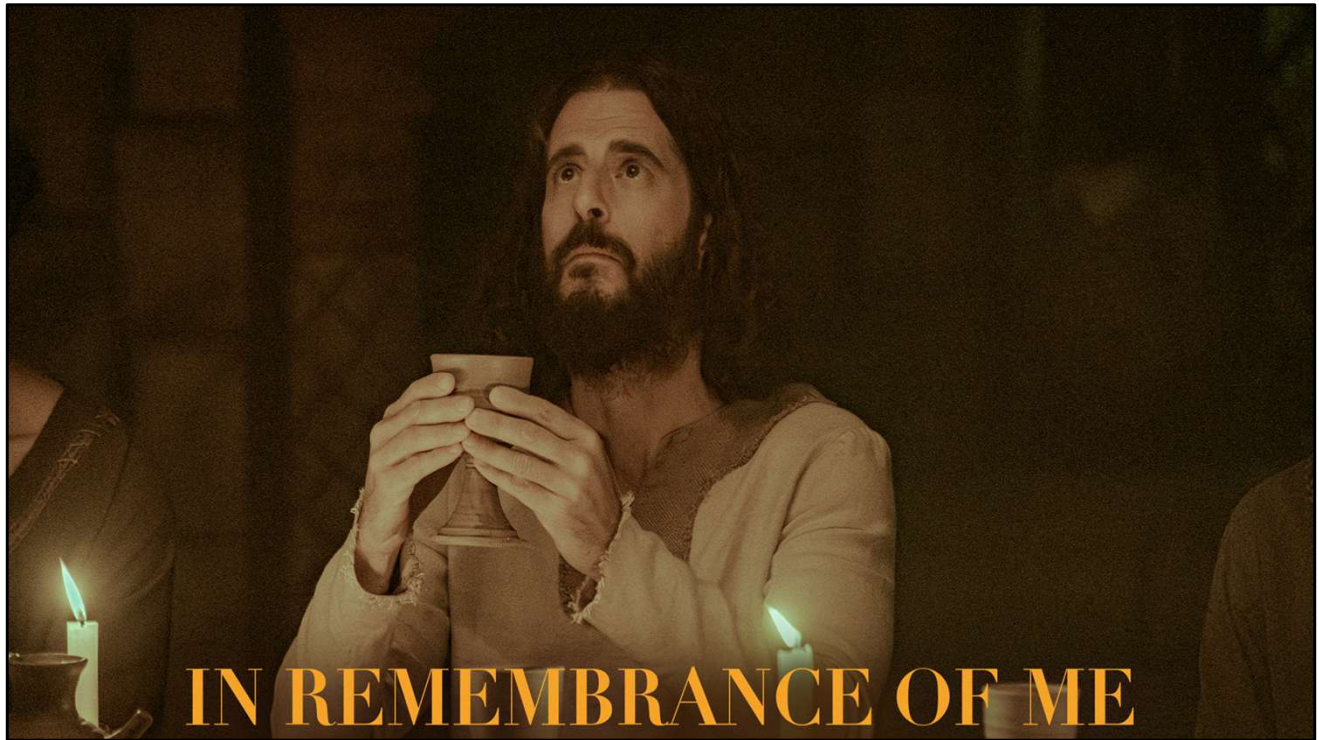
DESERVE

hell.

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[1Co 11:24 ESV] 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."



I tried to lower it to hide – the chosen

[1Co 11:25 ESV] 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE  
GOD. GOOD!  
EVEN THE DEMONS BELIEVE THAT  
—AND SHUDDER.**



**JAMES 2:19**

# THE GOSPEL IN THE FEASTS

FULFILLED AT HIS 1ST COMING!

## PASSOVER

YESHUA DIES: OUR PERFECT SACRIFICE.  
HIS BLOOD COVERS OUR SINS!

## UNLEAVENED BREAD

HE WAS WITHOUT SIN - FREE FROM ALL  
LEAVEN IN HIS HEART + LIFE.

## FIRST FRUITS

HE RAISED ON THIS DAY + WAS THE FIRST  
FRUITS OF THE RESURRECTION!

## PENTECOST

THE TORAH GIVEN AT SINAI + THE SPIRIT  
GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE AT THE FEAST.

## TRUMPETS

HE'LL RETURN WITH A TRUMPET BLAST.  
TRUMPETS ANNOUNCE THE KING!

## DAY OF ATONEMENT

YESHUA WILL JUDGE THE EARTH  
WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS.

## TABERNACLES

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB!

AT HIS 2ND COMING!





**Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."**

**GALATIANS 3:8**

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**TODAY IN THE WORD**

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# WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

THE GOSPEL IS THE GOOD NEWS THAT GOD BECAME MAN IN JESUS CHRIST. HE LIVED THE LIFE WE SHOULD HAVE LIVED & DIED THE DEATH WE SHOULD HAVE DIED...IN OUR PLACE. THREE DAYS LATER, HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD, PROVING THAT HE IS THE SON OF GOD & OFFERING THE GIFT OF SALVATION FOR ALL WHO REPENT & BELIEVE THE GOSPEL





**WE ARE JUSTIFIED ROM 5:1**

**WE ARE SANCTIFIED HEB 10:10**

**ALL OUR SINS ARE  
FORGIVEN COL 2:13**

**WE POSSESS ETERNAL  
LIFE JOHN 10:28**

**WE RECEIVE  
A HEAVENLY  
INHERITANCE  
1 PET 1:4**

**OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN PHIL 3:20**

**WE ARE A NEW  
CREATURE  
2ND COR 5:17**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT SEALS US EPH 4:30**

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE GET  
**SAVED?**

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**WE HAVE  
PEACE  
WITH GOD  
PHIL 4:7**

**WE ARE  
BORN  
AGAIN  
JOHN 3**

**WE ARE ADOPTED INTO THE  
FAMILY OF GOD GAL 4:5**

**WE ARE BAPTIZED  
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CHRIST 1 COR 12:13**

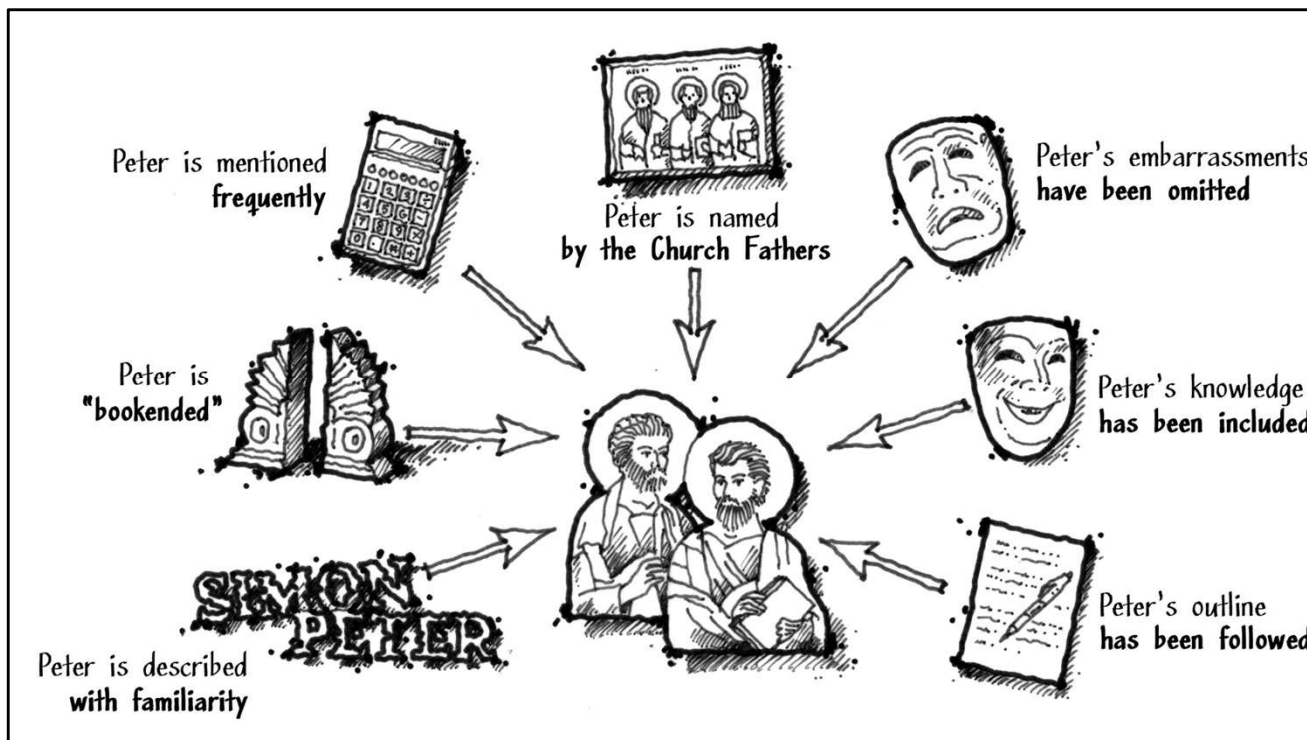
**WE ARE CO-HEIRS WITH  
JESUS CHRIST ROM 8:17**

**WE ARE  
ACCEPTED  
BY GOD  
EPH 1:6**

**WE RECEIVE THE  
RIGHTEOUSNESS  
OF CHRIST ROM 3:22**

**OUR NAME IS WRITTEN  
IN THE LAMBS  
BOOK OF LIFE PHIL 4:3**

**GOD INDWELLS INSIDE US 2 TIM 1:14**



# EPHESIANS 2:8





# THE FOUR TYPES of MESSIANIC PROPHECY

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## I THOSE THAT DEAL EXCLUSIVELY WITH

THE FIRST COMING as: Deut. 18:18;  
Psa. 16:8-11; 34:20; 40:6-10; 41:9; 69:13-28;  
Isa. 7:14; Zech. 13:7.



## II THOSE THAT FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE SECOND COMING as:

Psa. 2; 48; 72; 132; Isa. 2:4; 24; 32; 33; 35; 60. Jer. 3:11-18;  
23:18; Ezek. 34; Amos 9:11-15; Hab. 3; Zeph. 3:8-20; Zech. 2.



## III THOSE THAT BLEND PREDICTIONS OF BOTH COMINGS INTO A SINGLE PICTURE as:

Gen. 49:10; Ps. 22; Isa. 6; 9:5-7; 11:1-12;  
Zech. 6:9-15; 9:9, 10.



## IV THOSE THAT PRESENT THE ENTIRE REDEPTIVE CAREER OF MESSIAH as:

Psa. 110; Isa. 42:1-4; 61: 1-4.



CHRISTIAN DISPENSATION

SECOND  
COMING

MILLENNIUM

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For God  
*Love's original source*  
so loved  
*Love's infinite measure*  
the world  
*Love's unworthy object*  
that He gave  
*Love's ultimate proof*  
His only begotten Son  
*Love's priceless sacrifice*  
that whosoever  
*Love's impartial offer*  
believeth in Him  
*Love's greatest desire*  
should not perish  
*Love's unfailing promise*  
but have everlasting life  
*Love's eternal provision*

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I am Joseph

Genesis 45:3-5

Whose face has been hidden from Jacob

Zaphnath-Paaneah

MESSIAH BEN DAVID

I am HASHEM יהוה

WHO HIDES HIS FACE FROM JACOB.

Isaiah 8:17, Isaiah 45:14,15

THEY LOOKED UPON ME WHOM THEY PIERCED

ZACH.12:10

TRUST HIM TODAY

I Am The Way, The Truth, And The Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me. John 14:6

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## What is the Gospel?

The Gospel is the royal proclamation that God has defeated His enemies and ours: sin, death, and the devil. Furthermore, it proclaims that God has reconciled us fallen human creatures (and by extension, all His creation) to Himself. Finally, it proclaims that God has inaugurated His Eternal Kingdom within our fallen world. All these things and more God has accomplished through the Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension, and Enthronement at His Right Hand of His Eternal and Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Christ Crucified and Glorified is the beginning and end of the Gospel proclamation; all things are contained therein. Christ is risen from the dead, having trampled down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

**"CHEAP GRACE** means grace **sold** on the market

like cheapjacks' wares. The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin,  
and the consolations of religion are **thrown away** at cut prices....

**Cheap grace** is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring  
**repentance**, baptism without **church discipline**,

Communion without **confession**,  
absolution without **personal confession**.

**Cheap grace** is grace without **discipleship**,  
grace without the **cross**, grace without **Jesus Christ**,  
living and incarnate."

-DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

