

Jesus Exalted

Central Theme: When Jesus is exalted, believers find completeness in Him and victory over the powers of darkness.

Key Scriptures: Colossians 2:10–15; Philippians 2:9–11; Luke 1:41; Matthew 2:1–11; Mark 4:39–41; John 16:33; Exodus 14; Daniel 3; Daniel 6; 1 Samuel 16–17; John 19:30; Revelation 1:12–18

I. Welcome and Setup (00:00:00–00:01:57)

- Call to exalt Jesus; statement that the world and many churches get this wrong
- Family testimony about praying for a child and God changing the heart

II. Scripture Reading and Big Idea (00:01:57–00:03:36)

- Colossians 2:10–15 read aloud
- Big idea: In Christ you are complete; sins forgiven; the record canceled; principalities and powers disarmed; Christ triumphed publicly

III. The Name Above Every Name (00:03:36–00:05:01)

- God highly exalted Jesus and gave Him the name above every name; every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:9–11)
- Distinction: Others bore the name Jesus, but only Jesus the Lord is exalted over heaven and earth

IV. Signs of His Exaltation in the Gospel Story (00:05:01–00:06:46)

- Prenatal recognition: John leaps in the womb at Mary's greeting (Luke 1:41)
- Royal honor at His birth: gold, frankincense, myrrh (Matthew 2:1–11)
- Authority over creation: He calms the storm; winds and waves obey Him (Mark 4:39–41)

V. Real Talk About Trials and Spiritual Warfare (00:06:46–00:09:40)

- Every believer faces an enemy who seeks to pull us back into sin
- Following Jesus does not mean life is easy; expect tribulation but take heart because He overcame (John 16:33)
- Do not run from church and the means of grace when pressure rises; stay in the Word, worship, and fellowship

VI. Old Testament Snapshots of Deliverance (approx. 00:07:45–00:11:23)

- Exodus 14: Red Sea deliverance; the enemy seen no more
- Daniel 3: Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego refuse to bow; God is able to deliver, and they remain faithful whether He does or not
- Daniel 6: God shuts the lions' mouths; trust in the name of the Lord

VII. David and Goliath: How Faith Fights (00:11:23–00:23:21)

A. Background: Saul rejected; David anointed at Jesse's house (1 Samuel 16)

B. Battlefield setup: Valley of Elah; Goliath defies Israel for 40 days (1 Samuel 17:1–11, 16)

C. David's perspective: the battle is the Lord's; resist discouragement (1 Samuel 17:26, 32, 47)

D. Refusing Saul's armor: use what God has proven in your life (1 Samuel 17:38–40)

E. Running toward the battle: sling, stone, and the giant's fall; the stone sinks into his forehead (1 Samuel 17:48–49)

F. Finishing the fight: using Goliath's sword to remove his head; don't just stun your giant, end its rule (1 Samuel 17:50–51)

G. Applications:

- See taunts as assaults on God's honor rather than personal insults
- Move toward problems in faith; stay connected to God's people
- Trust tested obedience and God-given tools rather than unproven armor

VIII. Jesus the Greater David: Final Victory (00:23:21–00:27:14)

- At the cross, Jesus declares, “It is finished” (John 19:30); the record against us is nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:14)
- He disarms principalities and powers and triumphs over them publicly (Colossians 2:15)
- The resurrection is the public display that the enemy’s head is severed; death is defeated
- Revelation 1: the risen Christ holds the keys of death and Hades (Revelation 1:12–18)

IX. Invitation and Response (00:27:14–end)

- You do not have to live in discouragement; Christ’s victory is shared with His people
- If you do not know the Lord, today is the time to come to Him
- Encouragement to trust Jesus with your life, family, and future; He is exalted and you are complete in Him

Optional Discussion and Reflection

- Where are you facing a giant right now?
- What “Saul’s armor” are you tempted to trust instead of what God has proven?
- What step would look like running toward the battle in faith this week?
- How does Christ’s finished work change how you face guilt, fear, and spiritual opposition?