

EASTER 2023 “KING JESUS”

John does such an amazing Job describing Jesus!

John 1:1-5 ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:9-14 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

IT IS ALL JUST SO MIRACULOUS!

-JESUS WAS GOD WITH US!

-JESUS LEFT HEAVEN AND HIS THRONE AND CAME TO THIS EARTH!

Philippians 2:6-8 “[Jesus] Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness, ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!”

-Christmas we celebrate Jesus COMING to this Earth!

-Easter we celebrate Jesus laying down His life!

-King Jesus LEFT his throne, to become a servant!

Colossians 1:15-17. “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together”

-JESUS IS THE GLUE!
-JESUS IS LORD! JESUS IS KING!!
-JESUS IS LORD OVER ALL CREATION!

Galatians 4:4-6 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father”

-CLOSE RELATIONSHIP!

FROM RULES TO RELATIONSHIP
FROM DEATH TO LIFE
FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT
FROM LOST TO FOUND

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS!

AMAZING TRUTH: WE GET TO KNOW THIS KING!

FAST FORWARD TO THE THRONE OF GOD!

Revelation 5:5-14 See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people.⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.¹² In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the

throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

¹⁴The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

WHAT AN AMAZING PICTURE OF GLORY, POWER AND MAJESTY!

OT PROPHECY BY ISAIAH ABOUT 700 YEARS BEFORE JESUS WAS TO BE BORN:

Back story-We spent 11 weeks going over 4000 years of History from Adam to Jesus!

Last 3 weeks was about the Kings of Israel!

-Saul.....David.....Solomon.....then 39 more until Israel was scattered!

-Isaiah wrote this prophecy about the Messiah around the time the “Northern Kingdom” of Israel was conquered by the Assyrians.

-People became Exiles and their peace and prosperity was lost!

-The Southern Kingdom of Judah held on for another 150 years until they were destroyed by the Babylonian empire in 586BC.

Israel had no government or homeland for nearly 600 years before Jesus was to enter the scene and fulfill this OT prophecy:

Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

OUR KING DIDN’T COME TO BE A RULER OF THAT TIME!!!

HE CAME TO BE THE RULER AND KING OF ALL TIME!

-Palm Sunday.....they all thought he was going to be the King!

-overthrow the Roman Empire!

HE CAME TO CONQUER SOMETHING GREATER...

DEATH AND THE GRAVE!

2 Timothy 1:9-10 He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

-JESUS LAYED DOWN HIS LIFE AND SERVED ALL OF HUMANITY!

1 John 4:9-10 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

-THE LORD OVER ALL CREATION

-WAS HERE TO BE OUR SACRIFICE!

Philippians 2:6-11 “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness, ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

REVELATION 5:9 “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

We are purchased with a great price!

1 Peter 1:18-19 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

JESUS WENT TO THE CROSS TO BRING SALVATION TO A BROKEN MANKIND!

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

WE IN OUR SIN OF HUMAN.....

CAN'T CO EXIST WITH A PERFECT AND HOLY GOD!

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Colossians 2:13-14 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

King Jesus has nailed YOUR sins to the cross!

Our sins make us deserving of death.....but instead we get life!

AND TODAY: JESUS WANTS TO KNOW YOU!

IN FACT....HE IS SEEKING YOU OUT!

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

WE ARE ALL “LOST” WITHOUT HIM!

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

In all other major world religions.....It is about what we need to do to get to our God!

Christianity is the only one where our God reached down from heaven towards us!

John 6:38-40 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

SO HOW ARE WE “SAVED”

-Not about what we do!

Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

IT IS ABOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE!

Romans 10:9-10 That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

MOST POWERFUL PRAYER OF YOUR LIFE!!!

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