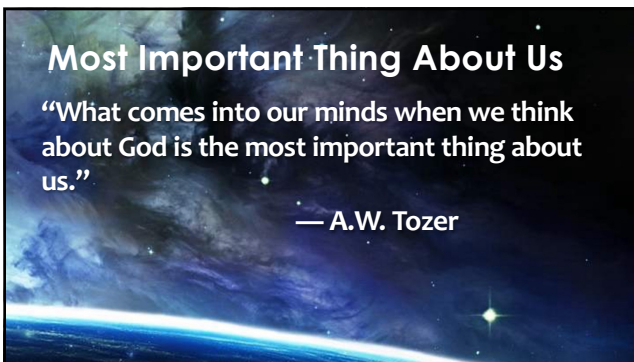




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Jesus is _____.

The great debate about Jesus – Is he just a man or the son of God? The world wants Jesus to be demoted to a good teacher, a prophet, or a religious icon; anything but the son of God

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The Opposing Arguments

1. Jesus never said He was the son of God
2. His disciples made it up much later
3. What Jesus meant by “Son of God”

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Jesus is the Son of God

Mt 3:17 And behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Rom 1:4 And was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

7

Jesus is the Son of God

John 10:36 Do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?

John 10:30 I and the Father are one."

8

Jesus is the Son of God

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

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Jesus is the Son of God

Matthew 17:5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

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War of Words
Dispute to Define
Clash to Classify
Tumult to tag
Why? Change words and you dramatically change the world that you perceive.

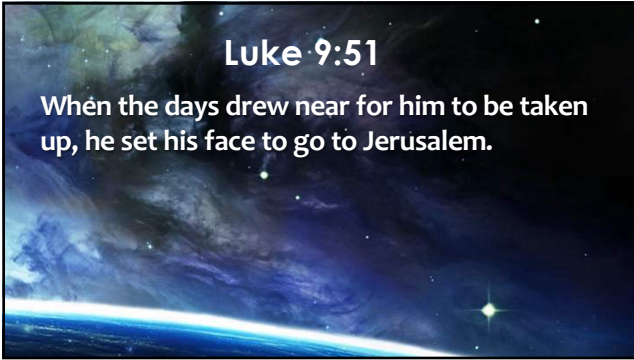
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God Fighting For Us
Jesus was in conflict with leaders who had created a system of religious rules that entrapped instead of freed the common person
Definition of words like Sabbath, prayer, sin, forgiveness, worship kept people in bondage

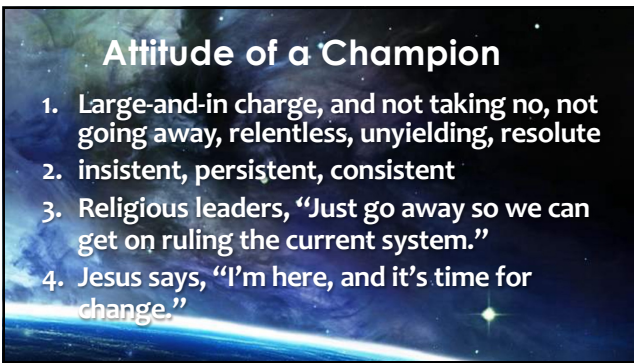
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Jesus is the Son of God.
Jesus is the Son of God determined to rescue Israel from their sin.

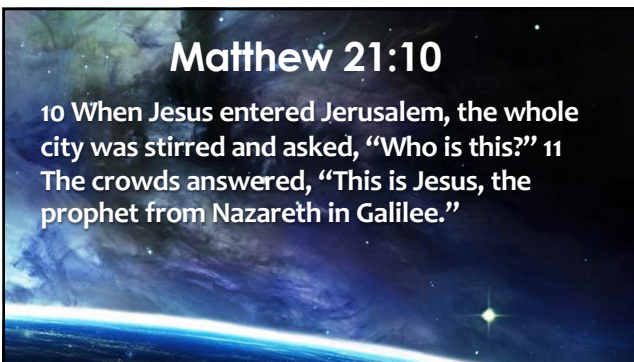
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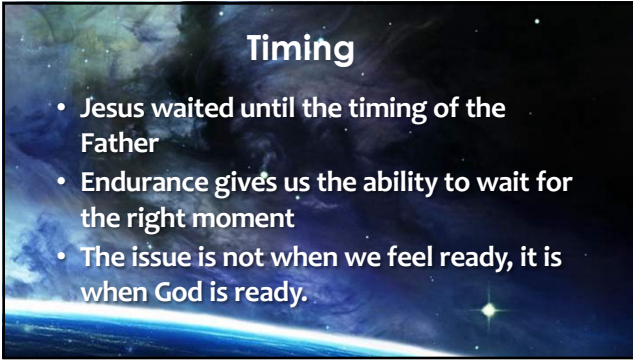
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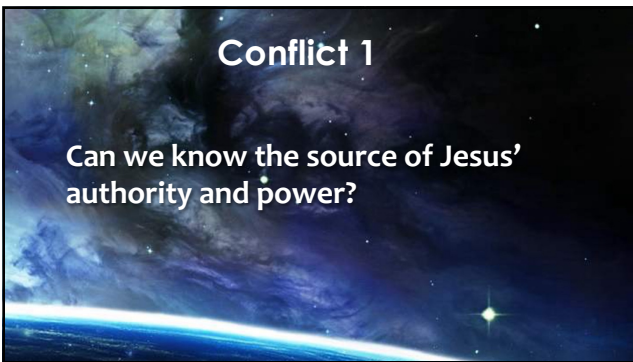
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Timing

- Jesus waited until the timing of the Father
- Endurance gives us the ability to wait for the right moment
- The issue is not when we feel ready, it is when God is ready.

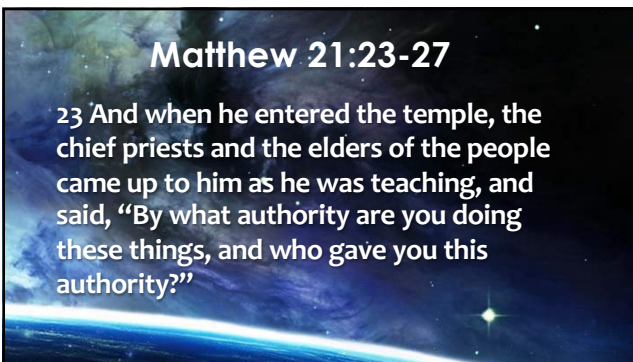
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Conflict 1

Can we know the source of Jesus' authority and power?

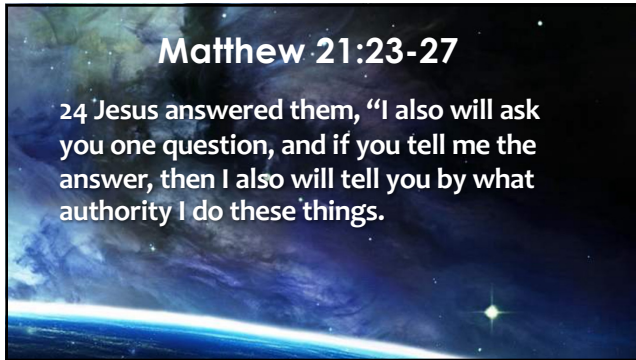
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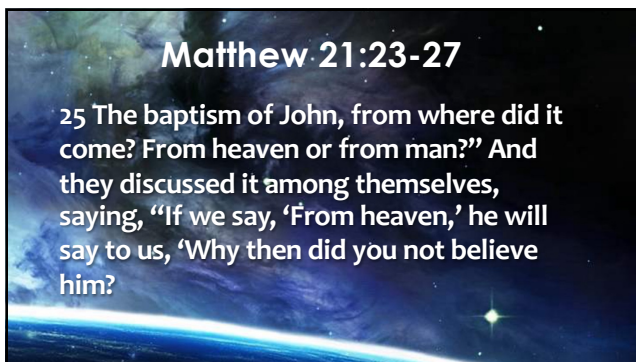
Matthew 21:23-27

23 And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

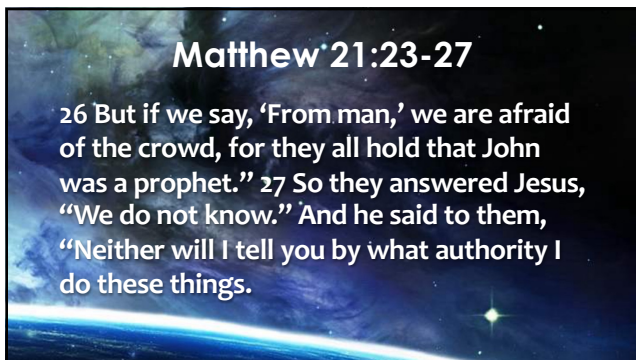
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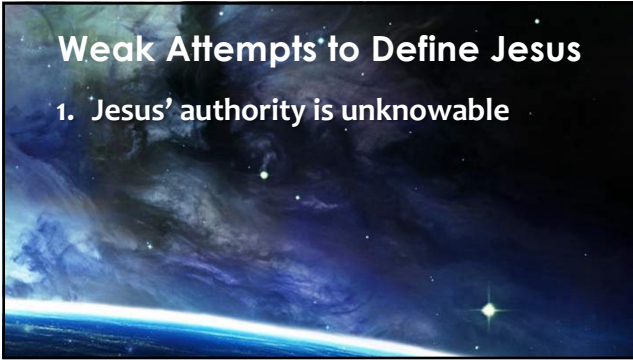
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Matthew 21:28-44

28 "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'
 29 And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went.

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Matthew 21:28-44

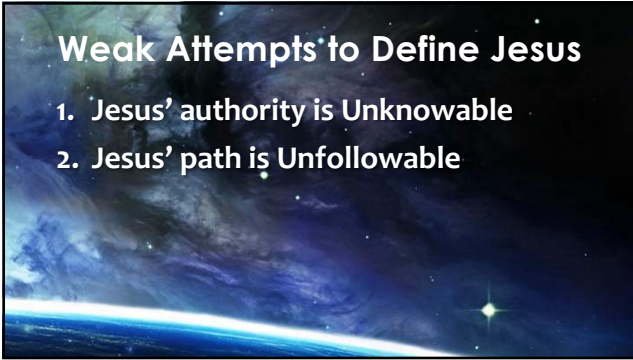
30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.

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Matthew 21:28-44

32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

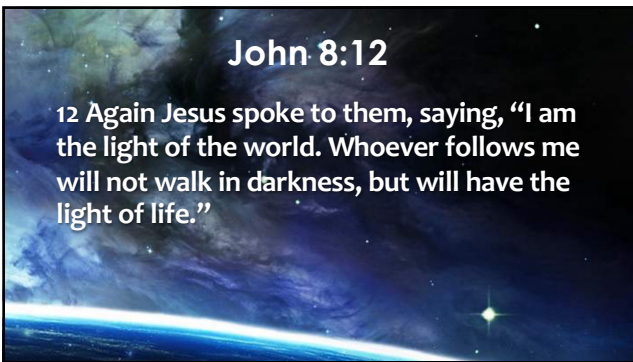
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Weak Attempts to Define Jesus

1. Jesus' authority is Unknowable
2. Jesus' path is Unfollowable

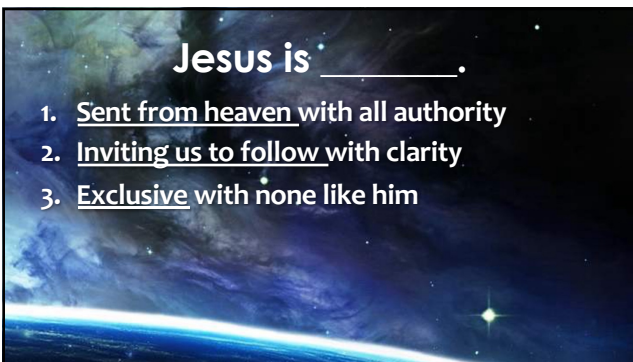
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John 8:12

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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Jesus is _____.

1. Sent from heaven with all authority
2. Inviting us to follow with clarity
3. Exclusive with none like him

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Conflict 3

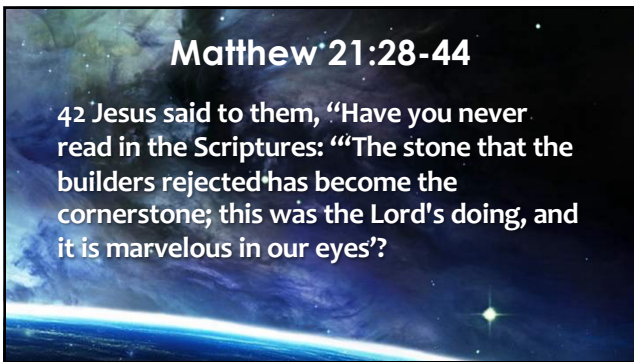
Is Jesus uniquely and originally qualified to save the world from sin?



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Matthew 21:28-44

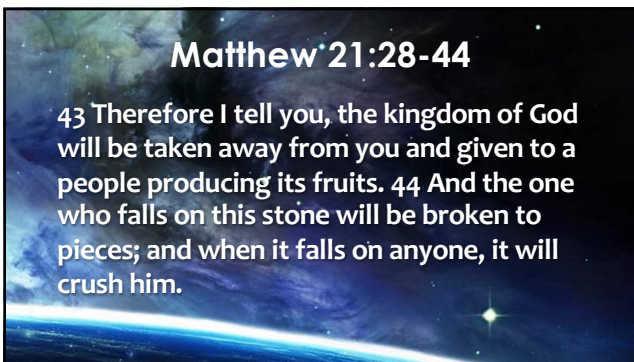
42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"



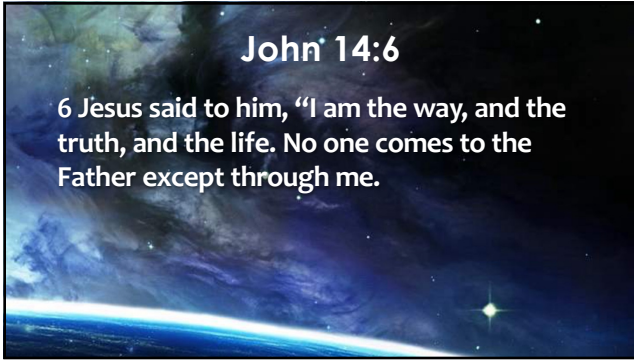
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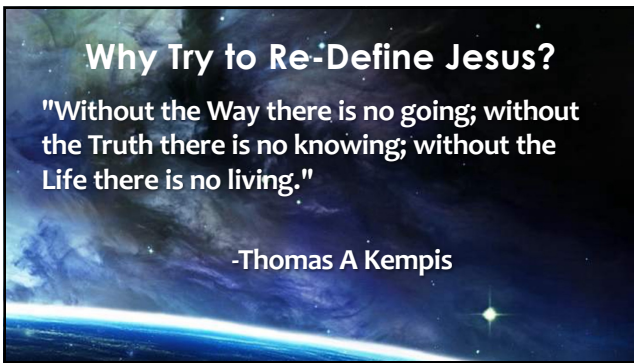
43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.



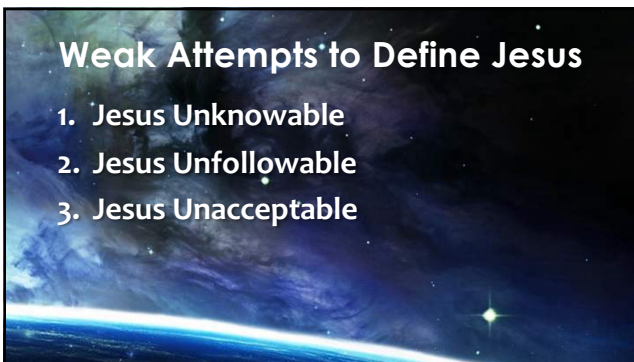
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Jesus is _____.

1. Sent from heaven with all authority
2. Giving direction with clarity
3. Exclusive with none like Him

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Why Follow Jesus With Your Heart?

The world is terrified when a person decides to follow Christ with all their heart because living from your heart is powerful, primitive, and passionate. It is much safer to live out of your head. Everything is so cerebral, so controlled, so rational.

39

To Those Already Following

Follow your heart. Follow God.
 Face opposition without backing down.
 Complete your course. Do the hard thing
 How? Show up. You can't grow up until you show up. Stand. Presence is powerful.
 Trust God to make a way

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Not Backing Down
 "Let people feel the weight of who you are
 and let them deal with it"
 - John Eldredge
 Wild At Heart

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To Those Not Yet Following
 It's on. Times up. The battle is here.
 Chose sides: Jesus says You are either with
 me or against me. It's Jesus or the devil.
 There is no neutrality. No DMZ. No middle
 ground. Not choosing is choosing.
 Choose now. Make the call. Who is this?

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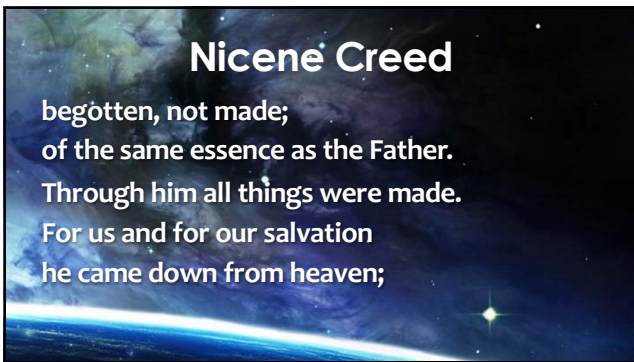
Nicene Creed
 We believe in one God,
 the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.

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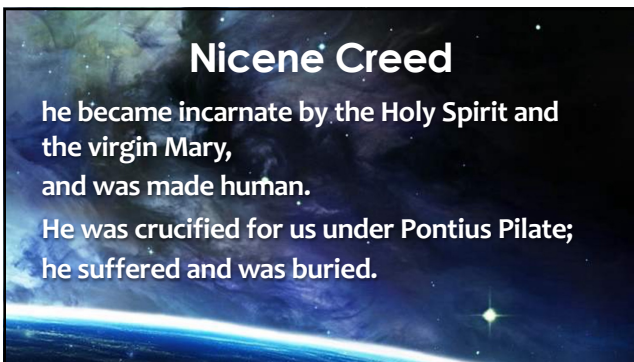
Nicene Creed
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 begotten from the Father before all ages,
 God from God,
 Light from Light,
 true God from true God,

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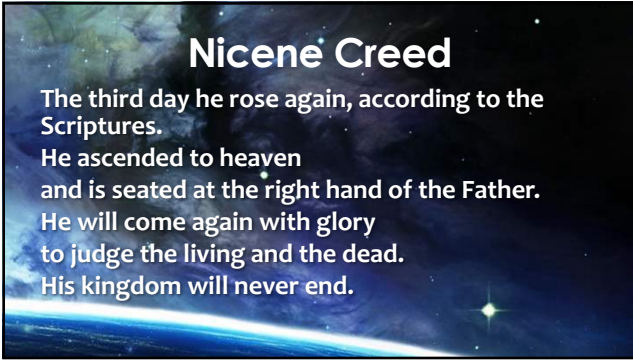
Nicene Creed
 begotten, not made;
 of the same essence as the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven;

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Nicene Creed
 he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and
 the virgin Mary,
 and was made human.
 He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried.

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