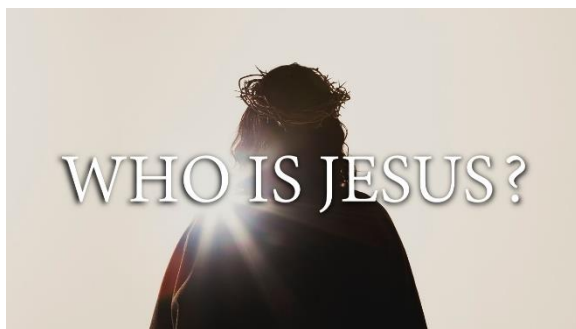


Who Is Jesus: The Sinless Messiah (Matthew 3-4)

March 7, 2021 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



THE SINLESS MESSIAH

- HIS BAPTISM
- HIS ANOINTING
- HIS TESTING
- WHAT THIS MEANS TO US

Questions:

1. What was your view of Jesus when you were young? How has your view of him changed over the years?
2. The sermon looked at the launch of Jesus' ministry (in Matthew 3-4). Did anything stand out to you? Do you have any questions?
3. Read Acts 2:22-36 (Peter is preaching to a crowd on the day of Pentecost, about ten days after Jesus ascended to heaven).
 - a) Only about seven weeks prior, Peter had fearfully denied even knowing Jesus. What changed in his life to give him the boldness to preach to a crowd of thousands? (see John 21:14-15 and Acts 1:8).
 - b) What evidence does Peter use in his speech to convince his hearers that Jesus is the Messiah? (take some time to look back over the passage to identify his arguments)
4. Read Acts 2:37-41
 - a) According to Peter, who is the promise of the Holy Spirit for?
 - b) Have you received the Holy Spirit? How do you know? (see v. 38 and Titus 3:5-6)
 - c) What were the results of Peter's preaching?
 - d) How can we become more effective in sharing our faith with others? (see Acts 4:29-31, Ephesians 6:19-20, and 1 Peter 3:15)
5. Read 2 Corinthians 12:6-10
 - a) How did God use difficulties in Paul's life? (we're not exactly sure what the "thorn" was that he was dealing with)
 - b) Has there been a "thorn" in your own life that God hasn't taken away, even though you have asked Him to?
 - c) Considering God's work in Paul's life, why might He be allowing you to struggle?
 - d) What was Paul's attitude about his struggle after the Lord spoke to him? Is this an attitude you think you could adopt?
6. Pray for each other that you would be more full of the Holy Spirit. Pray for perseverance through difficulty and that the Lord would use it for good. And pray for any other specific needs in your group.