

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS

Lesson #1 –Jesus is our Savior
Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-8

Introduction:

1. Jesus asked, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, Am?” –Mt 16:13
2. Jesus came to seek and save the lost –Lk 19:10
3. What does the mission of Christ teach us about His nature?
4. When we look at the mission of Christ, we can see...

I. THE ACTIONS OF THE SAVIOR

- A. HE BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US –Jn 1:14
 1. This was a fulfillment of prophecy
 - a. Born of a virgin –Is 7:14
 - b. Born in Bethlehem –Mic 5:2, Mt 2:3-6
 - c. Out of Egypt I have called My Son –Hosea 11:1
 - d. He would be known as a Nazarene –Mt 2:23, Jn 1:46
 2. This teaches us of His humility –Ph 2:5-8
 - a. He was in the beginning with God –Jn 1:1-3, 17:5
 - b. He left His place and became one of us –2Co 8:9
- B. HE ASSOCIATED WITH THE HUMBLE
 1. The sick that He would heal were considered outcast because of their disease
 - a. Jesus was moved with compassion –Mt 9:35-36
 - b. Jesus was compassionate when others looked for fault –Mk 3:1-6
 2. Jesus associated with sinners and tax collectors –Mt 9:9-13
- C. HE WAS OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH ON THE CROSS
 1. He came to do the will of the Father –Jn 6:38
 2. He was mocked, beaten, and put to death for us –Jn 19:1-4

--When one considers all that Jesus has done for us, the question naturally arises, “Why?”--

II. THE MOTIVATION OF THE SAVIOR

- A. WE WERE LOST IN SIN
 1. Sin separates man from God –Is 59:1-2, Ro 6:23
 - a. E.g. Man cast out of the Garden of Eden
 - b. E.g. Sin caused the nations to be cast out before Israel – De 9:4-6; Ref. Pr 14:34
 2. Man today is enslaved by sin –Jn 8:34, Ro 6:16
- B. WE COULD NOT SAVE OURSELVES
 1. Under the Old Law bulls and goats could not take away sin –He 10:4
 2. We could not offer anything before God He does not already own –Ps 50:10
 3. Today, our righteousness is not enough –Is 64:6, Mt 7:21-23
- C. HE DESIRED FOR US TO BE WITH HIM
 1. Jesus is coming again that where He is we may be also –Jn 14:1-4, 1Th 4:13-18
 2. The joy set before Him –He 12:2
 - a. That He endured the cross, despising the shame, and He is now at the right hand of God
 - b. He is the author and finisher of our faith and we can be with Him!

Conclusion:

1. Jesus said, "It is finished" –Jn 19:30
 - a. The effects of His work continues even until now
 - b. All things are done and ready for salvation to be ours
2. One only has to obey the gospel through faith, repentance, confession, baptism, and faithfulness.