

Bethel Bible Series

Jesus the Savior

New Testament Week 6

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - Why was it important for Jesus to be a teacher (rabbi) of God's truths?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week - *Jesus the Teacher*

Picture Concepts

Lighted Lamp
Parted Curtains
Great Crown Over Earth
First Diamond in Crown
Second Diamond in Crown
Small Crown at End of Staff
Beams from Crown Bathe Kneeling Figure
Discarded Masks
Storm Clouds
Towel and Basin
 Evaluate Motives
 Love Others
 Forgive Others
 Serve Others
 Make Disciples
Flower Bed
 Power Over Satan
 Forgiveness of Sins
 Eternal Life
Diamond and Key

Lesson - *Jesus the Savior*

Joining God in Heaven Forever

Are all of God's children going to join Him in heaven?

Matthew 7:13-14

What is this narrow road, the only way to get to heaven?

John 14:6

How do we come to the Father through Jesus?

John 14:1

Matthew 10:32-33

How can we know and trust this truth that frees and saves us?

John 20:31 (2 Timothy 3:16)

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Deaf Ears

Why does God's Word work on some people but seems to have no effect on others?

Luke 8:5-8, 11-15

What are some reasons why people stay away from faith?

Psalm 14:1

Luke 16:19-31

Revelation 3:17

Matthew 7:15, 24-27

Matthew 5:19-20

Matthew 7:21-23

Isaiah 31:1

Luke 17:22-27

Luke 12:16-21

Luke 14:15-24

Psalm 10:4

Matthew 6:31-34

John 3:19-20

Matthew 7:7-8

What is needed before someone will consider faith in Christ?

Hosea 7:2

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Consider life as a trip floating down a river

We are heading towards a final destination

We find it very easy to get caught up in fast currents around us

These currents (sin) lead to the great waterfall of eternal death

Great Waterfall

Romans 1:29-32

Broken Boats

James 2:10

Romans 3:20

Person Clinging to Cross

1 John 1:8-9

Matthew 7:13-14

Large Pointed Rock

God-Imposed Separation

Genesis 3:22-24

Colossians 1:22

Self-Imposed Separation

Genesis 3:8-10

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Second Pointed Rock

Acts 13:38-39

Third Pointed Rock

Ephesians 6:10-18

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First Grave

John 6:35

Second Grave

John 10:10b

Third Grave

John 11:25-26a

Cross Spanning Chasm

John 3:16

Romans 5:20-21

Ascending Stairway

John 14:2-4

2 Corinthians 5:1

Pathway to Placid Lake Scene

Romans 8:19-23

Ephesians 1:9-10

Summary

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - A Light in the Darkness

Kennedy Evangelism Explosion

1. Do you know for certain that if you were to die today you would go to heaven?
2. If you died tonight and God asked you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?

Summary of the Gospel

Grace

Heaven is a free gift (*Romans 6:23*)

It is not earned or deserved (*Romans 11:6*)

Man

Is a sinner (*Matthew 5:48, Romans 3:10*)

Cannot save himself (*Romans 3:23*)

God

Is merciful - doesn't want to punish us (*Neh. 9:17b, 31*)

Is just - therefore must punish us (*Exodus 20:5*)

Christ

Who He is - the infinite God-man (*John 1:1, 14*)

What He did - He paid for our sins (*Isaiah 53:6*)

Faith

What it is *not* - intellectual assent (*Eph 2:8-9, James 2:19*)

What it *is* - trust in Jesus alone for salvation (*Gal 3:10-14*)

The Bridge

1. The Beginning



2. Sin entered the world



3. Jesus Christ came and bridged the gap





Related approach:

1. We are separated from heaven by canyon formed by sin
2. We try to jump across canyon by good works we do
3. Some can jump further than others, but none can reach
4. No amount of works can get to other side, all fall short
5. Jesus gave us a bridge to simply trust in and walk over

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Three Basics</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. People need a Savior. - We all suffer from our sin and need rescue.2. Jesus is our Savior. - His death paid the punishment for our sins and rescued us. We are free.3. We live under His love. - As God's saved people we live under His care & direction. We demonstrate it to others. <p style="text-align: center;">From C. F. W. Walther (First LCMS President)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How much I needed Christ.2. How much Christ did for me.3. How I came to faith in Him. <p style="text-align: center;">From a 10-yr old to his friend</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I messed up.2. Jesus forgives me.3. I just want to thank Him. | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Roman Road</u></p> <p>Good brief Biblical explanation of the essence of Christianity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Romans 3:23 I'm in that "ALL", are you? Have you ever done anything wrong? Can you own up to it?2. Romans 6:23 What are wages? What are we paid for our sin? What is a gift? Do you have to work for it? What free gift does God offer through whom?3. Romans 10:13 Are you included in this "whoever"? What must you do you be saved? How do you do this? Are you ready to call on the Lord now? |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Four Spiritual Laws</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life. John 3:162. Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore he cannot know & experience God's love & plan for his life. Romans 3:23 & Romans 6:233. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life. John 14:6 Romans 5:8 & 1 Cor. 15:3-64. We must individually receive Jesus Christ through faith as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives. Ephesians 2:8-9 Mark 16:16 | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bad News - Good News</u></p> <p>Bad News #1 - You are a sinner. Romans 3:23</p> <p>Bad News #2 - The penalty for sin is death. Romans 6:23</p> <p>Good News #1 - Christ died for you. Romans 5:8</p> <p>Good News #2 - You can be saved through faith in Christ. Ephesians 2:8-9</p> <p>Eternal life is based on fact, not feeling. John 5:24</p> <p>How do you respond? Philippians 4:6-7 2 Timothy 3:16-17 Hebrews 10:24-25 Matthew 4:19</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Religion vs. Christianity</u></p> <p>If you'd ever be interested in knowing the difference between religion and Christianity, I'd be happy to tell you.</p> <p>Religion is spelled D-O</p> <p>Religion is trying to DO things to win God's approval ... to earn eternal life ... to make up for past sins</p> <p>Religion is a dead end road You don't ever know if you've done enough Would a loving God play those games with His people?</p> <p>Christianity is spelled D-O-N-E</p> <p>No one can measure up to God's standard of holiness No self-effort or sacrifice can merit God's favor/EL</p> <p>When Jesus died on the cross, He said, "It is finished." He did for you what you can't do for yourself He has paid the price for your sins</p> <p>If you accept His gift of forgiveness through faith, you can become a Christian and be certain of where you'll go when you die. If you ever want to talk further, I'm available for you.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Xs and Os</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Most people think they can earn eternal life if their Os outnumber or outweigh their Xs <div style="text-align: center;"><div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px;">BAD STUFF X X X X X X</div><div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; margin: 0 10px;"></div><div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px;">GOOD STUFF O O O O O O O</div></div> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Bible says Os don't offset Xs. Nothing can remove an X.3. There's only one way to get rid of Xs. Jesus died on the cross to wipe out your Xs. <div style="text-align: center;"><div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px;">BAD STUFF O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O</div><div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; margin: 0 10px;"></div><div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px;">GOOD STUFF O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O</div></div> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. You need only trust in what He did for you. |