

Bethel Bible Series

Jesus - Spokesman to Distortion

NT Study 4

Remember: Jesus attacked the religious leaders, not the political leaders. - PK

Welcome

Opening - Why was it important that Jesus was fully man?
Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week

Review of Last Week - *Jesus the Man*

The Mystery of The Trinity

There is only one God

There are 3 Persons in that one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Though each Person is fully God, each Person is distinct from the other 2

Wrong Concepts of The Trinity

The Trinity by Division = $1/3 + 1/3 + 1/3 = 1$ - Each Person is 1/3 of God

The Trinity by Addition = $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$ - 3 separate Gods

The Trinity by Shiftwork = God takes turns at each job

The Trinity by Succession = Father created Son and Spirit is His power

Creeds, Our Statements of Faith

Nicene Creed - Speaks to the divinity of Jesus

Apostles' Creed - Speaks to the humanity of Jesus

Outlines Christ's descent of humility and ascent of exaltation

Both God and Man

Jesus was both fully God and fully man

Jesus as God revealed Himself and His plan to His world

Jesus as man gave us the perfect example of how we are to live as humans

The Human Nature of Jesus

Temptation

Friendship

Fatigue

Sorrow

Mourning

Hunger

Fear

Anger

Thirst

Jesus - The New Adam

Similarities

Born in the fullness of God's image

Born without sin

Tempted by Satan

Called to live within a limited freedom

Differences

Yearning for greatness

Introduce death vs. resurrection

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Jesus the Man - Concept Review

Kneeling Figure = Jesus of Nazareth - The Messiah, though God, was totally human
Cradle and Infant = Born of a woman
Hand and Dust = True creature of the earth, had all of original man's attributes
Halo Behind Head = Born in the image and likeness of God
Bowed Head = Had a perfect willingness to follow the will of the Father instead of His own
Crown = Crown of God's creation, Showed man as God designed him to be
Flower-decked Staff = Perfectly obedient, He had full powers, promises and potentials of man
Shaft of Light = Displayed a fulfilled humanity, This is my beloved Son...

Lesson - Jesus, Spokesman to Distortion

Jesus, The Anointed One

What promise from God were the Jews at Jesus' time looking to be fulfilled?
Daniel 9:25 = The coming of "The Anointed One" - (69x7yrs = 483 yrs)
Who did Jesus' apostles recognize Him to be?
Matthew 16:16 = Peter called Him the Christ - Christ is Greek for *The Anointed One*
John 1:41 = Andrew told brother Peter that he found the Messiah - Hebrew form
How was Jesus physically anointed?
Matthew 3:13-17 = Baptized by John, His calling by the Father confirmed by dove
Acts 10:37-38 = *God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power*

Jesus as Prophet, Priest and King

What types of servants were anointed? = Prophets, priests and kings
1 Kings 19:16b = Elijah told to anoint Elisha to succeed him as prophet
Exodus 30:30 = Moses told to anoint Aaron and sons to serve as priests
1 Samuel 16:1, 12-13 = Samuel told to anoint David as king
Who did the Jews think Jesus was?
Luke 7:16-17 = *A great prophet has appeared among us*
Matthew 21:10-11 = *This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee*
How is Jesus the Great High Priest? = Holy, blameless, pure, set apart, exalted
Hebrews 7:23-28 = A priest forever, sacrificed once and for all
What kind of king is Jesus?
John 19:19 = The King of the Jews
John 18:36-37 = *My kingdom is not of this world ... it is from another place*
Revelation 17:14 = King of kings

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United for a Destiny - Old Testament Study 6

What was the purpose of the Uniting Factors that God gave Israel?

Oppression (History)

Isaiah 1:25-27 = Oppression used to purify His people

Law

Exodus 19:5-6 = God's treasured possession, kingdom of priests, holy nation

Separation

Leviticus 20:26 = Set apart to be holy like God is holy

Circumcision = Means *to cut off*

Genesis 17:10-11 = Reminder of God's promises to separated people

Hopes, Dreams, Promises

Genesis 12:1-3 = Blessed to be a Blessing

Recalling a Destiny - Old Testament Study 14

How did Israel abuse these factors? = Turned from *means to an end* into *ends in themselves*

Tabernacle (Temple)

Jeremiah 7:4, 8-11 = Sinned and worshipped Baal then trusted in the temple

History

Hosea 13:4-6 = Became proud and forgot what I did

Law

Hosea 8:11-13a = Built altars for sinning, not for sin offerings

Separation

Amos 3:1-2 = I chose you out of all peoples, now I will punish you

Circumcision

Jeremiah 9:25-26 = Israel is uncircumcised in heart just like others

Hopes, Dreams, Promises

Jeremiah 2:7 = You *defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable*

What was the role of the prophet before the exile?

Jeremiah 7:1-3 = To remind Israel of her calling and responsibilities

Did Israel remember the purposes of the Uniting Factors after returning from exile?

Nehemiah 9:1-3 = Confessed sins, repented, separated from foreigners, read Law

Nehemiah 9:38; 10:29 = Rededicated themselves and made oath to keep God's Laws

What was understood by the Jews to be the reason God had exiled them to Babylon?

Nehemiah 9:29-30 = They continued to turn their backs on God and ignored His Laws

What sect evolved that worked to make sure people didn't disobey the law, even accidentally?

Acts 26:5 = Pharisees; Paul was a member

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Distortion of the Uniting Factors

How did Israel distort the Law and Temple in Jesus' day?

Mark 7:5-8 = They let go of the commands of God for the traditions of men

Mark 7:9-13 = Excused disobedience by claiming righteous motives

Matthew 12:9-14 = Ok to handle emergencies on Sabbath, but not chronic conditions

Mark 11:15-17 = Priests abused power and turned temple into a *den of robbers*

Mark 14:55-58, 15:29-30 = Refected Son of God with false attempts to protect the temple

How did Israel distort their Traditions (History and Circumcision)?

Matthew 3:7-9 = Put trust in lineage from Abraham, God can raise from rocks

Galatians 6:12, 15 (Acts 15:1) = Status of circumcision more important than its purpose

How did Israel distort Separation and Promises?

John 4:9, 22 = Jews didn't associate with Samaritans, Jews were to bring salvation

Matthew 9:10-13 = Said God hated sinners, withdrew from them and enjoyed demise

How did Jesus respond to this distortion?

Mark 2:27 = *The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath*

Matthew 23:23-24 = Neglected important things of God's Law by focusing on man-made details

Matthew 22:34-40 = Summarized Law in two great commandments

Matthew 21:43 = God's kingdom will be given to those who produce its fruit

Galatians 3:28-29 = Jesus's are heirs of Abraham's promise, whether Jew or Greek

How did Jesus understand His responsibility towards this distortion?

Matthew 5:17 = Didn't come to abolish Law or Prophets but to fulfill them

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Law Tablets = Israel's moral, civil and ceremonial laws (L)

Scroll = Israel's traditions (T)

White Band Around Tablets and Scroll = Israel's emphasis on separation (S)

Bright Sky and White Clouds Behind Symbols = LT&S originally instituted for good purpose

Distorted Reflection in Water = As time passed, LT&S were put to distorted use

Hands Reaching out of Water = Distorted use of the good tended to destroy life

Figure - Jesus of Nazareth

Figure Facing Distortion in Water = Jesus spoke to distortion and proper use of LT&S

Figure in Stance of a Rescuer = Jesus fulfills the law and the prophets

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 4 and Assignment 5

Next Week - *Jesus the Teacher*