

# Bethel Bible Series

## Jesus the Savior

### NT Study 6

*Faith moves us across the bridge of grace provided by Jesus. - PK*

Welcome

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* = As a teacher, Jesus cast heaven's light on important issues  
*Parted Curtains* = He unveils the hidden and makes known the unknown  
*Great Crown Over Earth* = He declares the Father is Sovereign of heaven and earth  
*First Diamond in Crown* = He proclaims God's will and purpose for ALL to be saved  
*Second Diamond in Crown* = He reveals the nature of God (God made visible)  
*Small Crown at End of Staff* = He reveals the true nature and purpose of man  
*Beams from Crown Bathe Kneeling Figure* = He taught us to live in God's presence  
*Discarded Masks* = He calls us to abandon the false values of life  
*Storm Clouds* = He identifies the threats to our relationship with God  
*Towel and Basin* = He gives the responsibilities of a right relationship with God  
Evaluate Motives  
Love Others  
Forgive Others  
Serve Others  
Make Disciples  
*Flower Bed* = He declares the promises, powers and blessings of the God-filled  
Power Over Satan  
Forgiveness of Sins  
Eternal Life  
*Diamond and Key* = He asserts that God's treasures are appropriated by FAITH

## Lesson - *Jesus the Savior*

Joining God in Heaven Forever

Are all of God's children going to join Him in heaven? = All people are God's children  
Matthew 7:13-14 = No, the road is narrow, *only a few find it*  
What is this narrow road, the only way to get to heaven?  
John 14:6 = *I am the way ... No one comes to the Father except through Me*  
How do we come to the Father through Jesus?  
John 14:1 = Trust in Jesus  
Matthew 10:32-33 = Acknowledge Jesus to others  
How can we know and trust this truth that frees and saves us?  
John 20:31 (2 Timothy 3:16) = God gave us His Word (the Scripture, Bible)

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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 = Parable of Sower – disbelief, fall away, wander away, stay
- What are some reasons why people stay away from faith? = Ask class and list on board
- Psalm 14:1 = There is no God
- Luke 16:19-31 = Heaven and hell aren't real (Lazarus and beggar story)
- Revelation 3:17 = I don't need God (I'm rich and don't need anything)
- Matthew 7:15, 24-27 = There are other ways to heaven (false prophets, house on sand)
- Matthew 5:19-20 = I'm good enough to go to heaven (righteousness > Pharisees)
- Matthew 7:21-23 = I call myself a Christian, that's enough (not all who call me Lord, Lord)
- Isaiah 31:1 = I have other sources of help
- Luke 17:22-27 = No hurry, plenty of time (will come in an instant)
- Luke 12:16-21 = Like things the way they are (eat, drink and be merry)
- Luke 14:15-24 = I'm too busy (wedding banquet)
- Psalm 10:4 = No room for God in my life
- Matthew 6:31-34 = Focused on concerns of life (seek first His kingdom)
- John 3:19-20 = Don't want to deal with my problems (stay in the darkness)
- Matthew 7:7-8 = I don't know how (ask, seek, knock)
- What is needed before someone will consider faith in Christ?
- Hosea 7:2 = Recognizing their need

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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* = The human predicament of eternal death resulting from sin
- Romans 1:29-32 = They continue and approve of evil though they know it means death
- Broken Boats* = Man's attempts to save himself are inadequate
- James 2:10 = If you keep the law but trip on one point - guilty of breaking it all
- Romans 3:20 = *No one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law*
- Person Clinging to Cross* = God's saving act in Christ solved the human predicament
- 1 John 1:8-9 = *If we confess our sins, he ... will forgive our sins and purify us...*
- Matthew 7:13-14 = Wide area of the waterfall where people miss the saving cross
- Large Pointed Rock* = Jesus saves from sin as separation
- God-Imposed Separation = God cannot accept a sinful people into His eternal presence
- Genesis 3:22-24 = God banished Adam and Eve from paradise
- Colossians 1:22 = God reconciled you through Christ to be holy in his sight
- Self-Imposed Separation
- Genesis 3:8-10 = Adam and Eve hid from God after sinning
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 = God gave us ministry of reconciliation, be rec to God
- Second Pointed Rock* = Jesus saves us from guilt and from a "sense of guilt"
- Acts 13:38-39 = Jesus forgives all sins, justified from even the law's unjustifiable
- Third Pointed Rock* = Jesus saves from the threat and power of evil
- Ephesians 6:10-18 = We have God's armor to *stand against the devil's schemes*

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*First Grave* = Jesus saves us from spiritual death

John 6:35 = In Jesus, we never hunger or thirst spiritually

*Second Grave* = Jesus saves us from temporal death (dead lives)

John 10:10b = In Jesus, we LIVE life to its fullest

*Third Grave* = Jesus saves us from eternal death

John 11:25-26a = In Jesus, death is only a temporary inconvenience

*Cross Spanning Chasm* = Jesus brings man to God and the blessings of His original plan

John 3:16 = God brought us to salvation (the cross) because of His love for us

Romans 5:20-21 = Gap grows as falls erode land. As sin increases, grace grows

*Ascending Stairway* = Jesus' cross gives a pathway to God's eternal mansion

John 14:2-4 = Many rooms in Father's house, Jesus goes to prepare a place

2 Corinthians 5:1 = When our body is gone, we have an eternal house in heaven

*Pathway to Placid Lake Scene* = God's salvation includes the redemption of all creation

Romans 8:19-23 = Creation anxiously awaits its salvation

Ephesians 1:9-10 = God's plan is to bring all things in heaven and earth under Christ

Summary = Go back over picture concepts

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 6 and Assignment 7

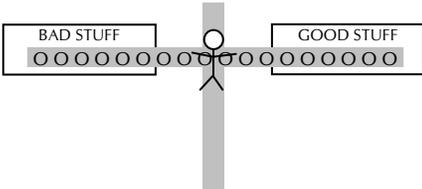
Next Week - *A Light in the Darkness*

<u>Kennedy Evangelism Explosion</u>	<u>The Bridge</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Do you know for certain that if you were to die today you would go to heaven?</li><li>2. If you died tonight and God asked you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Beginning MAN <span style="float: right;">GOD</span> </li></ol>
<p style="text-align: center;">Summary of the Gospel</p> <p>Grace Heaven is a free gift (<i>Romans 6:23</i>) It is not earned or deserved (<i>Romans 11:6</i>)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Sin entered the world MAN <span style="float: right;">GOD</span> </li></ol>
<p>Man Is a sinner (<i>Matthew 5:48, Romans 3:10</i>) Cannot save himself (<i>Romans 3:23</i>)</p> <p>God Is merciful - doesn't want to punish us (<i>Neh. 9:17b, 31</i>) Is just - therefore must punish us (<i>Exodus 20:5</i>)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Jesus Christ came and bridged the gap MAN <span style="float: right;">GOD</span> </li></ol>
<p>Christ Who He is - the infinite God-man (<i>John 1:1, 14</i>) What He did - He paid for our sins (<i>Isaiah 53:6</i>)</p> <p>Faith What it is <i>not</i> - intellectual assent (<i>Eph 2:8-9, James 2:19</i>) What it <i>is</i> - trust in Jesus alone for salvation (<i>Gal 3:10-14</i>)</p>	<p>Related approach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. We are separated from heaven by canyon formed by sin</li><li>2. We try to jump across canyon by good works we do</li><li>3. Some can jump further than others, but none can reach</li><li>4. No amount of works can get to other side, all fall short</li><li>5. Jesus gave us a bridge to simply trust in and walk over</li></ol>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Three Basics</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People need a Savior. - We all suffer from our sin and need rescue.</li> <li>2. Jesus is our Savior. - His death paid the punishment for our sins and rescued us. We are free.</li> <li>3. We live under His love. - As God's saved people we live under His care &amp; direction. We demonstrate it to others.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">From C. F. W. Walther (First LCMS President)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much I needed Christ.</li> <li>2. How much Christ did for me.</li> <li>3. How I came to faith in Him.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">From a 10-yr old to his friend</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I messed up.</li> <li>2. Jesus forgives me.</li> <li>3. I just want to thank Him.</li> </ol>	<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"> <li>1. Romans 3:23 = All have sinned &amp; fall short of God's glory I'm in that "ALL", are you? = Sure Have you ever done anything wrong? = Sure Can you own up to it? = Sure</li> <li>2. Romans 6:23 = Wages of sin is death, Free gift is eternal life What are wages? = Rewards/payment for working What are we paid for our sin? = Physical &amp; spiritual death What is a gift? = Something someone gives you Do you have to work for it? = No, it would be wages What free gift does God offer through whom? = EL, Jesus</li> <li>3. Romans 10:13 = Whoever calls on the Lord will be saved Are you included in this "whoever"? = Sure What must you do you be saved? = Call upon the Lord How do you do this? = Prayer, confession Are you ready to call on the Lord now? = Let Spirit push</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Four Spiritual Laws</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God <b>loves</b> you and offers a wonderful <b>plan</b> for your life. John 3:16 = God so loved the world that He gave</li> <li>2. Man is <b>sinful</b> and <b>separated</b> from God. Therefore he cannot know &amp; experience God's love &amp; plan for his life. Romans 3:23 &amp; Romans 6:23 = All sinned, wages death</li> <li>3. Jesus Christ is God's <b>only</b> provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life. John 14:6 = I am way, truth, life - Only to Father thru Me Romans 5:8 &amp; 1 Cor. 15:3-6 = Christ died for us, the story</li> <li>4. We must individually <b>receive</b> 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 = By grace you are saved through faith Mark 16:16 = He who believes &amp; is baptized will be saved</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bad News - Good News</u></p> <p>Bad News #1 - You are a sinner. Romans 3:23 = All have sinned and fall short of God's glory</p> <p>Bad News #2 - The penalty for sin is death. Romans 6:23 = The wages of sin is death.</p> <p>Good News #1 - Christ died for you. Romans 5:8 = While we were sinners, Christ died for us</p> <p>Good News #2 - You can be saved through faith in Christ. Ephesians 2:8-9 = By grace you are saved through faith Eternal life is based on fact, not feeling. John 5:24 = He who hears &amp; believes has eternal life.</p> <p>How do you respond? Philippians 4:6-7 = Tell God through prayer 2 Timothy 3:16-17 = Learn more by reading the Bible Hebrews 10:24-25 = Worship with God's people Matthew 4:19 = Tell others about what Jesus has done</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 Religion is trying to DO things to win God's approval ... to earn eternal life ... to make up for past sins 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 No one can measure up to God's standard of holiness No self-effort or sacrifice can merit God's favor/EL 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"> <li>1. Most people think they can earn eternal life if their Os outnumber or outweigh their Xs</li> </ol> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Bible says Os don't offset Xs. Nothing can remove an X.</li> <li>3. There's only one way to get rid of Xs. Jesus died on the cross to wipe out your Xs.</li> </ol> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. You need only trust in what He did for you.</li> </ol>