

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">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?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Beginning MAN GOD 
<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">2. Sin entered the world MAN GOD 
<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">3. Jesus Christ came and bridged the gap MAN GOD 
<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">1. We are separated from heaven by canyon formed by sin2. We try to jump across canyon by good works we do3. Some can jump further than others, but none can reach4. No amount of works can get to other side, all fall short5. Jesus gave us a bridge to simply trust in and walk over

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Three Basics

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.

From C. F. W. Walther (First LCMS President)

1. How much I needed Christ.
2. How much Christ did for me.
3. How I came to faith in Him.

From a 10-yr old to his friend

1. I messed up.
2. Jesus forgives me.
3. I just want to thank Him.

The Roman Road

Good brief Biblical explanation of the essence of Christianity.

1. Romans 3:23 = All have sinned & 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
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 & 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
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

Four Spiritual Laws

1. God **loves** you and offers a wonderful **plan** for your life.
John 3:16 = God so loved the world that He gave
2. Man is **sinful** and **separated** from God. Therefore he cannot know & experience God's love & plan for his life.
Romans 3:23 & Romans 6:23 = All sinned, wages death
3. 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 = I am way, truth, life - Only to Father thru Me
Romans 5:8 & 1 Cor. 15:3-6 = Christ died for us, the story
4. 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 = By grace you are saved through faith
Mark 16:16 = He who believes & is baptized will be saved

Bad News - Good News

Bad News #1 - You are a sinner.

Romans 3:23 = All have sinned and fall short of God's glory

Bad News #2 - The penalty for sin is death.

Romans 6:23 = The wages of sin is death.

Good News #1 - Christ died for you.

Romans 5:8 = While we were sinners, Christ died for us

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 & believes has eternal life.

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

Religion vs. Christianity

If you'd ever be interested in knowing the difference between religion and Christianity, I'd be happy to tell you.

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?

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

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.

Xs and Os

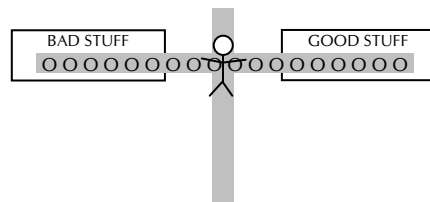
1. Most people think they can earn eternal life if their Os outnumber or outweigh their Xs



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.



4. You need only trust in what He did for you.