
 <b>THE ESSENTIALS</b>		<b>sermon notes</b>
<p align="center"> <b>“THE ESSENTIAL IS A PERSON”</b>            April 2, 2023            Pastor Todd Schlechty            CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/SERMONS         </p>		

- The 1st Essential:** You were created good. (Genesis 1)
- The 2nd Essential:** You’re not okay. (Genesis 3)
- The 3rd Essential:** The cross is your cure. (Numbers 21; John 3)
- The 4th Essential:** You can start again. (John 3:1–8)
- The 5th Essential:** You can trust God; it ends well. (Revelation 21–22)
- The 6th Essential:** \_\_\_\_\_,  
**not just an idea.** (Luke 19:28–44)

### What does it mean to receive the Gospel?

**I. Accept Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.**

Luke 19:28–34 *After He had said these things, He was going on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord has need of it.” (NASB)*

- “Owners” (v. 33) = κύριος (kurios)
- “Lord” (v. 34) = κύριος (kurios)

**II. Accept Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.**

Luke 19:35–36 *They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As He was going, they were spreading their coats on the road. (NASB)*

II Kings 9:13 *Then they hurried and each man took his garment and placed it under him on the bare steps, and blew the trumpet, saying, “Jehu is king!” (NASB)*

**III. Accept Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.**

Luke 19:37–40 *As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, <sup>38</sup> shouting: “BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” <sup>40</sup> But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!” (NASB)*

**IV. \_\_\_\_\_.**

Luke 19:41–44 *When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, “If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, <sup>44</sup> and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.” (NASB)*

Point: \_\_\_\_\_.



## **DOGGY BAG**

**Something to take home and chew on!**

1. Have you made Jesus the Lord of your life? Or are you still trying to rule your life? Have you allowed something else to be your master? A career? A financial goal? An addiction?
2. Have you allowed Jesus to be your King? Have you ever asked Jesus to sit on the throne of your heart? Who or what rules your life?
3. Have you accepted Jesus as your Savior? What does it look like to have Jesus as your Savior?
4. Have you missed Jesus? Is Jesus offering to do something in your life, but you're not ready? Has Jesus revealed Himself to you, but you have said, I'm okay, I've got this, I have my own plans?

### **ANSWER KEY:**

6<sup>th</sup>: THE GOSPEL IS A PERSON.

I. AS LORD

II. AS KING

III. AS SAVIOR

IV. DON'T MISS JESUS

Point: THE GOSPEL IS A PERSON.

## Take a step in faith this week:

- Pastor Todd and his wife, Margaret, are leading an 8-week **Marriage Class** for married and engaged couples starting **Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30pm**. Strengthen your relationship with improved communication, tools to resolve conflict, and developing intimacy in areas that matter most to you. For 25 years Pastor Todd has used the “Prepare/Enrich” inventory to help couples develop great marriages. Whether just getting started or married for decades, whether you have a thriving relationship or feel like it is on the rocks, we invite you to take this step to grow your best marriage. Email [pastortodd@christchurchva.org](mailto:pastortodd@christchurchva.org) to learn more.
- **Let us know you are here today.** Fill out a Connection Card every Sunday through either the Christ Church app or the Connection Card tab in the top menu bar of the Online Campus Platform ([LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG](https://LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG)).
- **Go to our weekly online bulletin** and get involved with mission and ministry this week. Use the Christ Church app, or the Resources tab\* in the top menu bar of the Online Campus Platform, to access the most current edition each week. **Today’s edition:** <https://conta.cc/3nJwCT2>
- **AFTER EASTER:** Come and bring the whole family to our weekly **Wednesday Night Dinner (5:30pm) & Discipleship (6:30pm)**! Contact Pam Charbonneau at [pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org](mailto:pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org) to learn more about discipleship classes and groups, and to help you find the perfect one to join.
- **Sign up to serve!** Contact Bev at [badams@christchurchva.org](mailto:badams@christchurchva.org) for suggestions.
- **Join us live online for Midday Prayer** at [LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG](https://LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG) each weekday at noon.

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