



Sunday Morning, February 14, 2024 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Getting Jesus

Message Text: Hebrews 4:12-16

Introduction:

*The idiomatic expression "get you" is a heartfelt acknowledgment that someone understands or relates deeply to another person's feelings or perspectives.*¹ Over the last couple of years, a large religious ad campaign has been running entitled "He Gets Us" on TV, social media, books and more. It gained a lot of attention and criticism with its recent showings at the Super bowl. The ad featured foot washing between various people representing differing societal groups and emphasized the need to humbly love your neighbor like Jesus did to matter the differences. It promoted Jesus as one *Who gets you* no matter who you are or what you do. It concluded with this line, *"Jesus didn't teach hate. He washed feet. He gets us. All of us."* It called for people to follow the example of Jesus and love their neighbors. While there are some points of truth in the campaign, it also creates some confusion as to Who Jesus really is and why He came.

QUOTE — "He Gets Us," the ad campaign centered around rebranding Jesus for the contemporary world, returned to the Super Bowl with two commercials.
—Brian Bonilla on Adage

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

NOTE — 65% of Americans identify as Christian while only about 6% have a worldview consistent with what the Bible teaches. —Natasha Crain

1. Does Jesus _____ Us?

¹ <https://usdictionary.com/idioms/get-you/>

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A. He Created Us and _____ us Perfectly

Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Daniel 5:23 ...the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

See also Psalm 139:1–6

Hebrews 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

DEFINITION—NAKED: easily understood or seen through; conceived of as being unclothed. {Only here}

DEFINITION—OPENED: to be or become completely exposed
{Only Here}

NOTE— Jesus message to the woman at the well was not one of affirmation of her lifestyle but of invitation to drink the living water He offered so that she would never thirst again.

John 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

John 4:17–18 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

John 4:29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

Matthew 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Progressive culture demands active affirmation of who they are, what they do and what they say.

B. He Understands Us and We are _____ to Him

Matthew 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

DEFINITION—IDLE: careless; marked by lack of attention, consideration, forethought, or thoroughness. {*Only Here*}

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

NOTE — We must be careful not to *water down* or *reshape* Jesus or the Gospel to the demands of culture.

2 Corinthians 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

NOTE — Satan is happy for Jesus to be promoted as long as He is preached as one who affirms you and not the One who is the atonement for you.

Romans 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Our culture wants affirmation not accountability.

2. Shouldn't Man Get _____?

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

A. An Admission of _____

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

NOTE — One of the hardest admissions is that “I am a sinner.”

Romans 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

NOTE — The rich young ruler would not accept his condition as one who fell short of keeping all God's law. (See Luke 18:19–25)

Galatians 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

B. An _____ of Christ

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

DEFINITION—RECEIVED: to receive or accept an object or benefit —
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WHEN WE “GET JESUS” WE ARE:

_____ (Ephesians 2:8-9)

_____ (John 1:12)

_____ (John 3)

_____ (John 3:16)

_____ (2 Corinthians 5:17)

_____ (1 John 3:14)

_____ (Ephesians 4:24)

_____ (Romans 5:1)

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

What is our mandate?

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

NOTE — The Gospel is described in 1 Corinthians 15:1–5

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.



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