

“THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK OF THE CHURCH”

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- I. What is the most important task of the church?
 - a. It is to preach the message of Jesus Christ.
*2Cor 4:5 (NKJV) For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ **Jesus the Lord**, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.*
*1Cor 1:23 (NKJV) but we preach **Christ crucified**, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,*
*Acts 8:35 (NKJV) Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, **preached Jesus** to him.*
*Acts 17:18 (NKJV) Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them **Jesus and the resurrection**.*
*2Cor 1:19 (NKJV) For the **Son of God, Jesus Christ**, who was preached among you by us--by me, Silvanus, and Timothy--was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. 20 For all the promises of God in Him [are] Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.*

WHO THEN IS THIS JESUS?

MARK 8:27-29

1. Elijah= Spirilist= Miracle Worker
2. John the Baptist= Moralist
3. Christ, Son of the Living God

I. HIS NATURE: JOHN 8:56-58 “I AM”

- A. **Jesus is God. nothing is too hard for God.**
- B. **Eternal , All powerful, All knowing,**

II. HIS ABILITY TO SATISFY: JOHN 6:32-35 “BREAD OF LIFE”

- A. **Jesus is food to the hungry and water to the thirsty.**
- B. **He knows the deepest need of our heart, and He knows how to fill that need.**

III. HIS ABILITY TO ENLIGHTEN: JOHN 8:12 “LIGHT OF THE WORLD”

- A. **This was spoken during the Feast of Tabernacles during which a lighting ceremony took place in the women’s court of the Temple. 4 large lamps were lit and an all night celebration took place under them with people dancing and singing songs and praises.**
- B. **He brings meaning and direction to men and women.**

IV HIS ABILITY TO BRING TO GOD: JOHN 10:7-10 “DOOR OF THE SHEEP”

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- A. Jesus is the only way to God.**
- B. All others are thieves and robbers.**
- C. He is the way to abundant Life.**

V. HIS ABILITY TO CARE FOR HIS OWN: JOHN 10:11-15 “GOOD SHEPHERD”

- A. His love for us.**
- B. His knowledge of us**
- C. Our knowledge of Him.**

VI. HIS ABILITY TO SAVE FROM DEATH: JOHN 11:25-26 “RESSURECTION & THE LIFE”

- A. Final victory**
- B. I give to them eternal life.**

VII. HIS EXCLUSIVE NATURE: JOHN 14:6 “THE WAY, TRUTH, LIFE”

- A. Way to God; not one who showed us the way, HE is the Way**
- B. Truth of God; not one who taught us truth, HE is Truth**
- C. Life of God; not one who brought life to us, HE is Life**
- D. Except through Me; Salvation is a Person.**

VIII. HIS ABILITY TO MAKE US FRUITFUL JOHN 15:1-5 “THE VINE”

- A. Helpless outside of Him**
- B. Fruitful in Him**

I AM

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP

I AM THE GOOD SHEPARD

I AM THE RESSURECTION AND THE LIFE

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

I AM THE TRUE VINE

How can I know Jesus?

Recognize you are a sinner: Rom 3:23

Penalty to pay Rom 6:23

Jesus paid it all: Rom 5:8

Confess Jesus Rom 10:8-10