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1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

September 21, 2022

Who is Jesus?

Midweek Youth

Join us every Wed. from 7-8pm for fellowship and prayer along with lessons applying Biblical principles to your life today and get answers to all your questions.

Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items

We are still collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verse

Matthew 5:17-20

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the



Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

You have questions? We have answers! Join us for coffee, tea, juice, hot chocolate, and light snacks while we discuss whatever is on your mind in a safe,

relaxed atmosphere.

Every Wednesday Night!

Last Sunday



Who is Jesus?

Last Sunday, we continued in Matthew 5 (Sermon on the Mount) to find that Jesus told us who He was and why He was here in just one sentence found in Verse 17. Of course, He doesn't come right out and just say it so we looked deeper into what He was talking about.

Jesus said that He did not come to abolish The Law or The Prophets. At the time, it was thought by the Pharisees and many Jews that this new teaching by Jesus was to replace God's Law given to them by

least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

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Moses.

We looked at The Law, which contains 613 rules for living a righteous life. The problem was, if you broke even one of the 613, you just broke them all. It was clearly not possible for any of us to be righteous by following God's Law.

We said that The Law was never meant to save us by following it but rather to show us how sinful we really are. Knowing that we could never follow it also showed us that we could not be saved by our works.

Jesus made sure to start off by making it extremely clear that God's Law would remain as it was. As matter of fact, He added that anyone who disregarded the Law would be called "least in the Kingdom of Heaven" while those who followed it would be called "great in the Kingdom of Heaven". This shows that both groups would be in Heaven because again we are not saved by The Law.

He even tops it all off by saying that they would need to be more righteous than the Pharisees to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The Pharisees were considered by the Jews to be the most righteous you could possibly be. If even they were not righteous enough to enter Heaven then surely no body could possibly be.

That's where the second part comes in. Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. Fulfilling the Law means that He alone, by living a completely sinless life, was able to satisfy the Law's requirements for righteousness. Not only that, since He was sinless, He owed no debt (death) and was then able to pay all our debt for us making us righteous through Him.

All we need to do to be saved is to believe in Him and what He has done for us. While following the Law is good in order to live the life that God wants for us, it will never, ever, make us righteous before Him.

That's all great but where did He say who He was? We said that many people thought He was just a really nice guy or maybe a prophet. Some thought He was a madman (especially after hearing His teaching).

We said that the Prophets brought messages straight from God to His people and some of these messages were about the Messiah to come. Jesus not only fulfilled God's Law, He also fulfilled these Prophets' prophecies made hundreds of years before He was even born. In fact, Jesus fulfilled more than 300 prophecies regarding the Messiah.

We said that maybe He was just really lucky and just happened to do what was prophesied (300?).

Not a chance. As a matter of fact, it really is scientifically, statistically impossible. To make the math a little easier, we looked at the odds of maybe fulfilling fewer prophecies. We found the odds of one man fulfilling even just 8 of the prophecies was 1:10e17 which is 1 chance in 100 Quadrillion.

To show just how impossible these odds are we said if you took 100 Quadrillion silver dollars and marked only one of them then randomly scattered them all over the state of Texas, it would cover the entire state, 270k square miles, 2 feet deep in silver dollars.

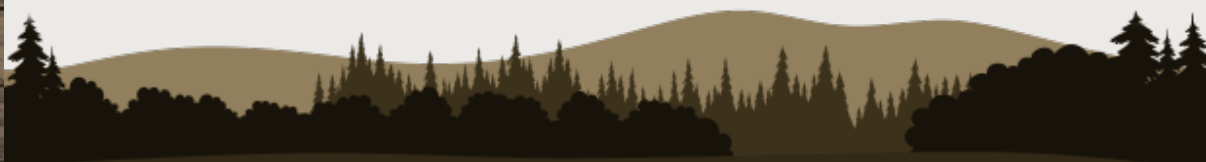
Then drop a blindfolded man from a balloon over a random area and let him wander around blindfolded for a while and then reach down and pick up only one silver dollar. There is a 1 in 100 Quadrillion chance he would pick up the one marked silver dollar.

Those are the odds for fulfilling only 8 prophecies. Jesus fulfilled more than 300 prophecies regarding Him being the Messiah.

There is actual archeological evidence that these prophecies were written 100's of years before Jesus was even born and there is evidence of Him fulfilling them. That's Science proving Jesus is the Messiah!

There we have, in one short sentence, who Jesus is and why He was here. Now, let's get down to business.

Join us next week as Jesus gets down to the real business of starting to fix thousands of years of peoples' misconceptions about God.



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