

10 Things I Wish the World Knew About Jesus

By Allen Webster

If the church had the opportunity to preach one sermon to the whole world, what should it be? Its theme would have to be Jesus, for there is no salvation “in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

No other person has been more frequently discussed, written about, painted, and sung to than Jesus, but about fifty percent of the world’s population still does not even know who He is. It is estimated that of the world’s 7.7 billion people, 3.15 billion have little or no access to the gospel. Even among those who think they know about Jesus, there are many misconceptions. He remains an enigma to most of humanity.

What does the world need to know about Jesus?

#1: JESUS DOES NOT WANT TO CONDEMN YOU; HE WANTS TO SAVE YOU.

Many see Christianity as the “Religion of No.” They believe it sucks the fun out of life with its rules and “thou shalt nots.” They see Jesus as judgmental and condemning.

This is not the Jesus of Scripture. Jesus said, “I did not come to judge the world but to save the world” (John 12:47). “God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:17).

Jesus loves each person unconditionally. No matter what people have done—good or bad—He loves them. He invites each to abundant living (Matthew 11:28–30; John 10:10) and wants all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). His love never ends (Jeremiah 31:3; John 13:1). No one will ever love us more than Jesus already does.

#2: JESUS IS GOD’S ANSWER TO MAN’S SIN PROBLEM.

Sin is man’s great problem. Like a drop of poison in a glass of water, even a little taints the whole life and results in death (James 2:10). Sin is universal—“There is none righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:10); and fatal—“the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). Before Christ, sin was man’s unsolvable problem.

Isaiah said saving man would be costly. Because of our sin, someone had to die—the just for the unjust (Isaiah 53:5–6). In the Old Testament, an animal could die for a man’s sin, but that was only a temporary solution (Hebrews 10:4).

When God saw man’s desperate need, He provided a Savior (Acts 13:23). He sacrificed His own Son: “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). “The Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world” (1 John 4:14).

Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life (Hebrews 4:15), qualifying Him to be the sacrifice for sin (a sinner could not die for sinners). Isaiah wrote, “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:5–6).

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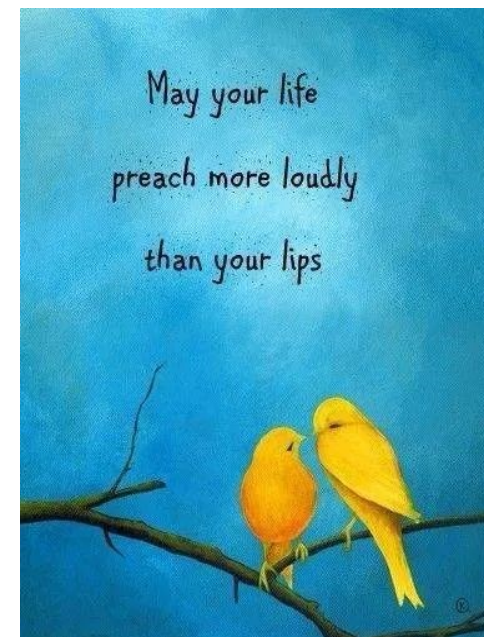
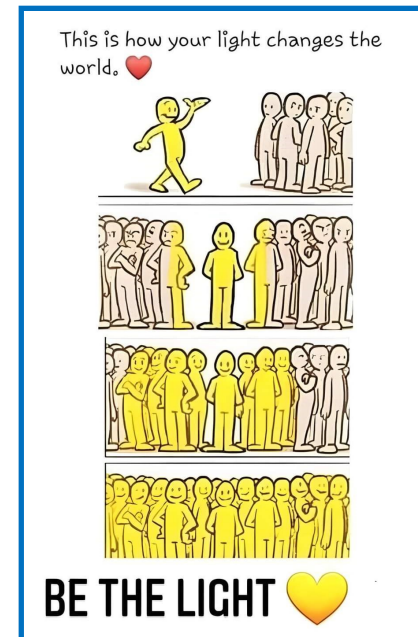
Prayers and Concerns

- ♦ Karen Langston will have spinal fusion Thursday at Cox.
- ♦ Remember those with health issues—Dorlene Butler, Larry Butler, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins, Bob Robbins.
- ♦ All those battling cancer—Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Harold Reynolds, Jim Kirkland, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry’s sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg’s sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Nikki Smith, Jenny James, Bill McFarland, Debbie Eslinger.
- ♦ Those in GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Jack Moyers, Sycamore Springs. Wilbern Uchtman, Brook Haven, West Plains.

Blessings

- ♦ Tiffany Pleasant’s latest PET scan showed no enlarged lymph nodes. To be sure the cancer is totally gone she will have eight more treatments (every two weeks), but they will remove the worst of the four chemo drugs.

The adult Bible class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 has just started a study in Revelation. Come join us to learn more about this book.



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
1-4	Aleta Collins	1-1	Spencer and Sandra Wade
1-7	Bill Collins	1-10	Matt and Rose Burton
1-9	Bonnie Luna	Birthdays	
1-10	Marty Jones	1-25	Melinda Walrath
1-11	Rose Burton	1-25	Jean Blisard
1-12	Sue Hambelton	1-28	Sangchun Moyers
1-19	Brooke Hambelton	1-29	Sarah Hossman
1-19	Laramie Pleasant	1-30	Waylon Strong
1-24	Frances McGinnis		

Pat and Jim Kirkland will be serving something delicious for fellowship supper Wednesday night before Bible classes.

Wednesday Night News

Next Wednesday 1/22Singing Night

Wednesday 1/29 Start Watching "The Chosen"
Video Series

Alternatives to Reading Your Bible

Download Bible Gateway app on your phone for easy access and choose your favorite translation. The app can also read to you while you follow along in your Bible or while you drive.

January Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

1-5 Don Luna
1-12 John Abraham
1-19 Mark Lane
1-26 David Stevens

Communion & Closing Prayer

Tinker Langston
Titus Smith
Paul Wade
Don Reynolds

Song Leader: Andrew Eller
Greeters: John & Melinda Abraham

The Family News

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A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: ***The Light of the World***

Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages Downstairs

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up Front

#991, *This Is My Father's World*; #290, *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

#329, *Oh, What a Savior*

#382, *Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?* Communion Service

#288, *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Sermon and Invitation

#381, *Years I Spent in Vanity*

#608, *He Gave Me a Song*; Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.

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Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us