

Discovering The Other Jesus

The Limited Edition Jesus:

Matthew Mark Luke John

The Eternal Jesus:

Daniel 7:9-14 Revelation 4 & 5 19:11-16 Colossians 1:15-22

Reclaiming What Was Stolen:

Genesis 2 & 3 Romans 8:12-17 2 Timothy 1:7 1 John 3:1-3

Hebrews 4:14-16:

- This changes how we approach **God**.
- This changes how we approach **ourselves**.
- This changes how we approach **our problems**.
- This changes how we approach **others**.

Growth Group Homework

For the week of November 12, 2017

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. If you were to compare the image of Jesus you heard about this weekend with the image of him you had when you were growing up, how would they compare?

What's been the biggest influence on how your image of Jesus has changed?

2. Chris talked about the boldness we can have when we come into Jesus' presence. For many of us, "boldness" would not be the word we would use to describe how we approach God or Jesus. What words would you use to describe how you have approached Jesus in your life?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. We can face loss, health challenges, uncertainty and problems with confidence because of who we have as our high priest (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Hebrews 4:14-16 *New International Version (NIV)*

Jesus the Great High Priest

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

The challenge is that when we're in the middle of one of these difficulties, it's easy to start doubting because we can't physically see Jesus. How could 2 Kings 6:8-17 encourage you to remember that God is present and on your side in the midst of challenges?

2 Kings 6:8-17 *New International Version (NIV)*

Elisha Traps Blinded Arameans

⁸ Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."

⁹ The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." ¹⁰ So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

¹¹ This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

¹² "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

¹³ "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." ¹⁴ Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.

¹⁶ “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Can you think of some reasons why it is so hard to maintain our confidence in Jesus when we face difficult times?

Have you ever had someone in your life who reminded you of Jesus’ presence and power when you were in the midst of a difficult time?

2. We heard this weekend how we often have a limited edition, coloring book picture of Jesus. In contrast to that image, Chris gave us a picture of the eternal Jesus from Revelation 19. Another portrait of Jesus that is definitely not a coloring book image is found in Colossians 1:15-20. What do you find most encouraging, helpful or confusing in this passage?

Colossians 1:15-20 *New International Version (NIV)*
The Supremacy of the Son of God

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

The picture of Jesus that Chris painted this weekend and the one found in Colossians 1 are probably very different from the picture of Jesus we had when we first began to follow him. As you think about what drew you, or is drawing you, to follow Christ now, how would you describe what it was about him that attracted you to him?

3. Chris talked about the confidence we can have when we face challenges and difficulties in life. The Apostle Paul is someone who had many challenging experiences in his life and it would have been easy for him to quit. Yet he was consistently able to maintain his confidence instead of giving up and throwing in the towel. What do you see in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 that helps explain how he was able to persevere in the face of difficulties?

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 *New International Version (NIV)*

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

What is most challenging to you about focusing on the unseen over the seen?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Is there any challenge or difficulty you're facing now that you'd like to have more boldness in facing?

2. Looking back on this week's sermon and study, what's most important for you to remember?

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