

Which Jesus...Man, Myth or Messiah?

The Entire Point Of Hebrews (& The Bible):

Hebrews 2:1-9 1:1-4 Colossians 1:15-22

Hebrews is both an **encouragement** and **warning**
about our definition of **Jesus**.

The Jesus Of The Bible:

The book of Mark claims that:

- 1:2 Jesus is the **God** of the Prophets.
- 1:7-8 John the Baptist thought Jesus was **God**.
- 1:9-11 God and the Holy Spirit are one with **Jesus**.
- 1:13 Satan knows that Jesus is **God**.
- 1:14-15 Jesus is the key to the Kingdom of **God**.
- 1:21-28 Jesus has **authority** over **spirits**.
- 1:29-45 Jesus has **authority** over all **diseases**.
- 2:1-5 Jesus has **authority** over **sin**.
- 2:6-12 Jesus claims to be **God**: **"Son Of Man"**.
- 2:13-28 Jesus claims **authority** over the **Old Testament**.
- 3:1-6 Jesus has **authority** over **religion**.
- 3:7-12 Jesus has **authority** over **sickness** and **spirits**.
- 3:13-21 Jesus has **authority** over all **humanity**.
- 3:22-30 Jesus has **authority** over **Satan**.
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After The Cross:

Mark = **50 AD** Matthew & Luke = **60 AD** John = **85-90 AD**

To The Intellectually Convinced But Non-committed:

Hebrews 2:1-4

If our definition of Jesus doesn't change **everything** about us,
then we don't have a **biblical** definition of Jesus.

Growth Group Homework

For the week of January 14, 2018

Welcome to the Winter Quarter of Growth Groups!

This week we kick off our Winter Growth Group Quarter. Your first meeting will include a potluck dinner, time to get acquainted, as well as time to discuss your Growth Group Covenant. The homework has been shortened this week to allow ample time to accomplish this.

To prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great first meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to grow and to see God work!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Tell us a little about yourself...

What is the best tasting food/course you are able to make?

How do you make yourself fall asleep when you can't seem to get to sleep?

What movie or book (other than the Bible) do you most often quote?

2. As we start the new year of 2018, what are one or two things you're looking forward to?

3. 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?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend, Chris' description of Mark 1-3 gave us a great picture of who Jesus is. Without looking back at the sermon notes, re-read Mark 1-3 and jot down anything that alludes to who Jesus is or what he has done (you might also want to underline in your Bible also).

Looking back at what you wrote above, are there one or two things that particularly caught your attention? If so, explain. Are there any you should pay more attention to?

2. As followers of Jesus, none of us wants to live an ineffective and powerless life for him. But one of the enemy's strategies is to subtly distract us from who Jesus is and what it means to follow him. That's

why Hebrews 2:1 says that, “we must pay careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard so that we do not drift away.” What strategies do the following passages give to help us pay careful attention and live as God has called us to?

Psalm 119:9-11 *New International Version (NIV)*

⁹ How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word.

¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands.

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart

that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:15-16 *New International Version (NIV)*

¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts

and consider your ways.

¹⁶ I delight in your decrees;

I will not neglect your word.

Matthew 22:37 *New International Version (NIV)*

³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

Hebrews 10:24-25 *New International Version (NIV)*

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

LAUNCHING YOUR GROWTH GROUP QUARTER

One of the key reasons we meet in Growth Groups every week is to gain the encouragement and support we each need to keep our focus on Jesus and live our lives for him. Before you go over the Covenant in your group, take a moment and write down your responses to the two questions below:

What are you looking forward to in your Growth Group this quarter?

Looking back at this week’s sermon, is there any specific part of who Jesus is that you want to stay focused on this quarter?

THE PURPOSE OF GROWTH GROUPS

Growth Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word. (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). Here's how it will happen:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16). Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God's Kingdom.



COMMUNITY SERVICE IMPACT

Community Service is a ministry of North Coast Church dedicated to being the hands and feet of Jesus and showing God's love in tangible ways through service to the community. There are many options for you to serve. For ideas, check out NorthCoastCommunityService.org