



The message of the Cross

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message

The identity of Jesus Christ

- Central to the Christian faith
- Lord and Saviour of the whole world
- Eternal pre-existence (John 1:1-14)
- Born of the Virgin Mary (Luk 1:26-38)
- Unquestioned miracles (John 11:47)
- Suffering and death on the cross
- Resurrection on 3rd day (1 Cor 15:3-8)
- Ascended and exalted to the right hand of God the Father (Heb 7:25-27)

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Fully God, "Son of God" 46x in NT

- OT prophets (Isa 9:6, 44:6)
- John the Baptist (John 1:30)
- Disciples (Mat 16:13-17)
- Apostles (Rom 9:5)
- Angelic testimony (Luk 1:32,35)
- Evil spirits (Mark 3:11)
- Christ Himself (John 20:28-29, John 8:58, John 5:18)

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The identity of Jesus Christ

Fully man, "Son of man" 88x in NT

- Jesus was born, raised and died as a human being (Mat 1:18, Luk 2:52, John 19:33)
- Became hungry and thirsty (Mat 4:2)
- Confirmed by Old Testament (Is 7:14)
- Confirmed Christ Himself (Mat 16:13)
- Proclaimed by Apostles (Phil 2:8)

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The calling on is life – why?

- 1) Fulfil Old Testament covenants (Abrahamic covenant, promises of salvation to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (1 Cor 1:20, Rom 15:8-9, Gal 3:16) – salvation for both Israel and the Gentiles)
- 2) Fulfil the Law, Psalms, Prophets (Mat 5:17, Heb 4:15, Heb 9:11-12, 1 Pet 10-12, Luk 24:44)

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- 3) Give a revelation of the Father nature of God (John 1:14-18)
- 4) To destroy the works and the Kingdom of the Devil (1 John 3:5,8)
- 5) To put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself (Heb 10:14)
- 6) Bring into effect the New Covenant (Jer 31:31-34)
- 7) Fulfil the 5 OT offices
- 8) Consummation of God's redemptive plan (1 John 3:2-3)

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The significance of Jesus' ministry on earth

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has **anointed** Me to preach the **gospel** to the poor; He hath sent Me to **heal** the broken-hearted, to preach **deliverance** to the captives, and **recovering** of sight to the blind, to set at **liberty** them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

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The revelation of Jesus Christ

Mat 16:17-18 "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed are thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also to you that you are Peter, and upon this **rock** I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Petros vs petra)

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Our response...

John 14:12 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes in me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go to my Father."

Mat 28:18-20

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