

“It Doesn't Matter What You Believe”

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

John 14:6 (NLT)

Consider Jesus:

Consider the ministry of Jesus.

But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, “Why does he eat with such scum?”

When Jesus heard this, he told them, “Healthy people don't need a doctor - sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”

Mark 2:16-17 (NLT)

“Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”

They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!”

John 8:4-7 (NLT)

Consider the resurrection of Jesus.

Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, “This man truly was the Son of God!”

Mark 15:37-39 (NLT)

When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, but

the angel said, “Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died.”

The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

Mark 16:5-8 (NLT)

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact.

Acts 3:15 (NLT)

Consider the eternal message of Jesus.

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

Romans 3:22 (NLT)

Religion

About me

What I Do

If I obey,

God will love me

Relationship

About Jesus

What Jesus has done

because God loves me,

I want to obey.

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

Romans 10:9-10 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.

Colossians 2:8-9 (NLT)

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Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Did you know Merriam Webster took the word Gullible out of the dictionary last year? Are you gullible?

How do you test if something is real or true?

2. What influenced your beliefs about God as a child? What other religions have influenced you during your life?

3. Re-read Mark 2:16-17. What about the life and ministry of Jesus has impacted you the most?

What part of Jesus life or ministry do you have a hard time believing?

4. Re-read Colossians 2:8-9. When have other people tried to convince you that your spiritual beliefs are wrong? How did you handle that situation?

5. How would you respond now to friends or family who believe there are many ways to God?

6. Who do you know well, but you don't know what they believe about God? How can you start a conversation about Jesus this week with them?