

JESUS IS THE CHRIST

Int.

1. Aim: To show that Jesus is the Christ, our redeemer because of His birth, miracles, teachings, death and resurrection.
2. 1 John 5:1 "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him."
 - a. Jesus = the savior, to deliver, to preserve, to make alive
 - i. Mt. 1:21 "and she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. "
 - ii. Lk. 1:31 "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."
 - b. Christ = Messiah, anointed, God with us, a God chosen one
 - i. Mt. 2:4 - "And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born."
 - ii. John 17:3 "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."
 - (1) Christ is not added as a last name
 - (2) It describes the special relationship He has to God and Man
 - (3) It means that Jesus is the God-chosen one to save man from his sin
 - c. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ
 - i. Faith in this fact
 - ii. Some denied that Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ

- d. Is begotten of God
 - i. Those who truly believe Jesus is the Christ are begotten
 - ii. Become Children of God - born again

3. We will notice 5 things that prove JESUS is the CHRIST !

Discussion

I. BIRTH

A. IN FULLNESS OF TIME

1. Gal. 4:4 "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,"
 - a. He was born at exactly the right time - not accidental or unplanned
 - b. "Made" - translated born in the ASV (NKJV) But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
 - c. He could not have come earlier or later
2. God was waiting for the right:
 - a. Time
 - b. Place
 - c. Conditions for His Son to be born

B. Virgin Birth

1. Matt. 1:18-25
 - a. With child of the Holy Ghost - v. 18
 - b. Conceived of the Holy Ghost - v. 20
 - c. Fulfill prophecy - V. 22 & 23
 - d. Knew her not - v. 25

2. Luke 3:23 (NKJV) "Now Jesus Himself began [His] [ministry] [at] about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) [the] son of Joseph, [the] [son] of Heli,"
 3. Gal. 4:4 "Born of a woman"
 4. Gen. 3:15 "Seed of woman" - normally use the man when talking about seed
 5. Isa. 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."
- a. Sign
 - b. Virgin conceive and bear a son - miracle - not usual thing
- C. The Birth of Jesus proves He is the Christ ! Luke 2:11 "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

II. MIRACLES

- A. Mt. 4:23 "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."
- B. Definition
 1. Dunamis = mighty works
 2. Semeion = miracle or sign
 3. "An extraordinary event accomplished by Supernatural power in the midst of the world. The working of which is not subject to an explanation by the laws of nature." ¹

¹FHC Lectures 1973 P. 271

C. Jesus performed many miracles

1. About 49 are recorded in the gospel records
2. He did them before the public
 - a. They were not hidden healings - not done in secret
 - b. They could be seen, the people touched, the miraculous could be proved immediately
3. Performed miracles of:
 - a. Healing - man deaf-mute - Mk. 7:32-38
 - b. Power over the elements - stopped the storm - Mk. 4:37-41
 - c. Supply food - fed 5,000 - with 5 loaves and 2 fish - Mk. 6:33-44
 - d. Judgment - fig tree withered - Mt. 21:19-20
 - e. Raising the dead - Lazarus - John 11:43-44
4. These all prove that Jesus is the Christ

- D. John 20:30-31 "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

III. TEACHING - Jn. 7:46 NKJV - "no man ever spoke like this man."

- A. He taught the will of God to men
- B. Methods of teaching
 1. Lecture
 2. Question and answer

3. Drama
 4. Parables
 5. Discussion
- C. His life was the best way of teaching
1. Acts 1:1 "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,"
 2. He did what He taught - practiced what he preached
 3. Many of the teachers of that day did not do as they taught
 4. Mt. 23:3 "For they say and do not"
- D. His methods were the most appropriate for the:
1. Time
 2. Occasion
 3. Pupils
 4. Therefore his lessons were TIMELY, MEANINGFUL AND EFFECTIVE !
- E. Example: Sermon on the Mount - Matt. 5, 6 and 7
1. First few verses called Beatitudes = beautiful attitudes
 2. All emotional ills could be cured if they were practiced
 3. He taught the people what they should know in order to live as God wanted them to live = love, prayer, humility, marriage, money, hypocrisy, dedication, judging
 4. Effect - Mt. 7:28-29 "And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as [one] having authority, and not as the scribes."
- F. The teaching of Jesus proves that HE is the CHRIST !

IV. DEATH - Mt. 27:54 "Truly this was the Son of God"

A. The Place - Calvary

1. Without the city - Golgotha - the place of the skull
2. Made to carry his own cross
3. Led forth to be crucified with 2 criminals
4. Nailed to the cross - beaten

B. The Time

1. The 3rd hour of the day - about 9:00 am - crucified, put on cross
2. Time of morning sacrifice
3. 9th hour - about 3 PM - death of Christ
4. Time of evening sacrifice
5. From noon until 3:00 PM there was darkness
6. At 3:00 he gave up the ghost, there was a great earthquake
7. This was the darkest day in all the world.

C. The writings on the cross

1. Hebrew, Greek, and Latin
2. "Jesus of Nazareth - The King of the Jews"
3. They asked Pilate to change it to "He said, I am king of the Jews."
4. Pilate said, "What I have written, I have written."

D. Jesus' words from the cross

1. For his murderers _ Lk. 23:24 "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. "
2. Care for his mother - "Behold thy mother." Jn. 19:25-27
3. Feeling of loneliness - "My God, My God why hast thou forsaken me." Mt. 27:46
4. Thirsty - "I Thirst" Jn. 19:28-30 - they gave him vinegar
5. Last words "It is finished" Jn. 19:30 "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit." Lk. 23:46 and He gave up the ghost

E. The Roman Centurion seeing all this could only say "Truly this was the son of God" Mt. 27:54 - Truly = actual, true to fact

F. Jesus is the Christ because of the death He died for us. His death makes the forgiveness of our sins possible. - He tasted death for every man. Heb. 2:9

V. RESURRECTION

A. Without the resurrection, the death of Christ would be without meaning or value

1. The resurrection is proof of God's power - 1 Cor. 15:14-17
2. The resurrection is evidence of the fact that Jesus is the Christ

B. The resurrection - the brightest day in all the world

1. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus took his body
2. Buried in tomb of solid rock. Stone rolled over mouth of tomb.
3. Guards were watching the grave
4. His body was in the grave from Friday evening until early Sunday morning
5. Some women early Sunday went to the tomb
6. Before they came God caused an earthquake to move the stone and Jesus came forth and the keepers became as dead men because of their fear.

7. The angel talked to the women and told them She had arisen and for them to go tell the disciples about it.
8. They hurried away with fear and great joy
9. As they went they met Jesus and Worshiped him.
10. This was the brightest day in all the world, both for these early followers and for us today.

C. The bodily resurrection of Jesus is proof that Jesus is the Christ.

Conclusion

1. 1 Jn. 5:1 "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him."
2. Many modernists today deny these proofs that Jesus is the Christ
 - a. The virgin birth is ridiculed as an impossibility
 - b. The miracles are just myths in the eyes of these modernists
 - c. The resurrection is a big fake
3. The Bible, the inspired word of God teaches that Jesus is the Christ.
 - a. He is the Savior Sent from God.
 - b. Jesus is the Christ because of:

His birth His miracles His teaching His death His Resurrection

Each link in the chain holds it all together
4. If we believe, and we have the evidence, we can become sons of God.
5. God loved us - sent his Son - He died for our sins
6. We love God - obey gospel of Christ - then we will be saved from our sins

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