

6-30-19 Message
JESUS FOR DUMMIES

I have been saved for 45 years. 45 years ago when I was 21 years old, I went to a little church in Valley Forge, PA. and gave my heart to Jesus. Peter Accardi had already shared the gospel message with me, but when I went to that little church I finally committed my life to Christ. Shortly after that, Peter Accardi gave me a Bible and I read through the whole Bible that year. I have been reading through the Bible now for 45 years. That means I have read through the Bible at least 45 times since I have been saved. Right now I am reading through the gospels. When you read through the gospels you are reading about Jesus. After all these years, as I read about Jesus, I am still amazed at His greatness, and the stupidity of the religious leaders who rejected Him.

John Wrote:

John 20:31 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.

John ends his gospel with this

John 21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

Since I have been reading these things in the gospel, I thought it good to talk to you about the subject of Jesus.

The most important subject of the whole Bible is wrapped around Jesus!

Jesus said,

John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

All of the Bible points to Jesus,
All of the Gospels testify of Jesus..

This morning I just want to preach Jesus to you .

If I were to give a title to my message this morning I might call it:

JESUS FOR DUMMIES
OR EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT JESUS FOR DUMMIES.

I am sure you have read one of the Dummies books. I have a few of them. Years ago I got a book called DOS for Dummies. I have a book called, "Search Engine Optimization For Dummies", and I have another called Windows 98 for Dummies,

I search Amazon and I could not find a book titled Jesus for Dummies. I found one called the Historical Jesus For Dummies, I think after you read that book you will still be a Dummy about Jesus. I found another called Christianity for Dummies. I think after you read that you will really be confused.

The only real source for knowing Jesus is what we read in the Bible. The Bible is not hard to understand as so many think. For some it is hard to believe but not hard to understand. The disciples walked and lived with Jesus for 3 1/2 years and even after he was resurrected they were in disbelief!

As we read the gospels what do we need know about Jesus?

First and foremost, we need to understand who He is. Now, I say we need to understand "who He is", notice I did not say "who He was". Because He still is alive and working in this world.

So the first thing every Dummy needs to know about Jesus is:

I. WHO HE IS:

The Gospels tell us "Who He Is:"

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

I Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Now if your Bible takes the word "God" out of this text and replaces it with "he..", you need to get a new Bible. The so called scholars and wise men of this world are doing everything in their power to confuse who Jesus is! He is God manifested in the flesh. Just like I Tim 3:16 says!

I Tim. 3:16 clearest verse in all the Bible that tells us who He is:

He is God manifest in the flesh..

He is God who took on flesh.

We read how he manifested himself as God in the flesh in Matt. 8:24-27:

1. He had the power of God over the elements of this world.

Matthew 8:24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

Matthew 8:25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

Matthew 8:26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

Matthew 8:27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

Note how they marveled when He rebuked the winds and the sea. If He were just a prophet he would cry out to God for help over the waves and wind, etc. No, he did not pray, He just commanded the seas to be still.

2. He Forgave Sins because He was God in the flesh:

Mark 2:5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

Mark 2:6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

Mark 2:7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

Mark 2:8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

Mark 2:9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

Mark 2:10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

Mark 2:11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

They were right! Who can forgive sins but only God!

3. HE CLAIMED TO BE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE.

Who but God can be in multiple places at once?

John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

4. John 1:47-48 He saw Nathaniel under the fig tree before Philip called Him.

5. He fed 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fishes. Had 12 baskets left over. He fed 4000 with 7 loaves and few fishes. Had 7 baskets left over.

6. He claimed all power, all knowledge, He claimed to be able to be at two places at once. The Epistles claim He holds all things together by the word of his power.

Those ignorant scholars who blaspheme by saying the Historical Jesus was just an illegitimate son of Mary. That she was raped by some Roman soldier and conjured up the story of the virgin birth.

They would have you believe you have followed some cunning story, fable, or folklore. How foolish!

Why is it that the wise, the mighty, the noble ones of this world find it hard to believe in the biblical Jesus? The reason why is that Paul said,

I Corinthians 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

I Corinthians 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

I Corinthians 1:28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

The truth is that the world will call us dummies for believing what the Bible says about Jesus. But the wise ones of this world are too wise to believe the Bible and therefore they are the real dummies!

Through intellect alone we cannot know Jesus.

Through Faith we know Him.

John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

You can only know Him when you are born again not by the will of the flesh.

Not through college degrees.

Not through the intellect and scholarship of men.

WE ARE BORN OF GOD!!!

So it is the case, only through faith can a dummy come to know Jesus!

II. WHY DID HE COME TO THIS EARTH?

Jesus for dummies. We dummies must first understand, by faith, who He is!

Who is He? He is God manifest in the flesh.

He was born not of a human father, but took on flesh through the seed of a woman (MARY). God took on flesh and became a man!

This is a miracle.

This is a mystery.

This is a truth that can only be received by faith!

Call me a dummy because I believe the Bible. It is a truth that can only be understood by dummies who say, I can't understand it, but I believe it!

Through faith we understand. So call me a DUMMY who believes God!

Now consider why He came to this planet.

Why did God take on flesh and enter this decrepit world?

The Bible tells us what His mission was and still is:

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Matthew 9:12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

Matthew 9:13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

1. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.

Jesus came to salvage some out of this world.

This world is like a sinking ship our only hope is to get off of it, and come to Christ for salvation.

Jesus made no attempt to reform the powers that be. Or to reform Rome, or the world system that was in power at the time that He came. They were all hopelessly lost.

Then and now His only mission is to recruit some citizens for His future Kingdom!

When Jesus came to this earth His greatest enemies were the establishment represented by the religious leaders of His day.

The religious leaders were threatened by Jesus:

John 11:47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

John 11:48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

You see, Jesus was recruiting citizens for a heavenly Kingdom and those who were comfortable in their earthly Kingdom in their positions hated Him and wanted Him dead.

So Jesus, in essence, came to seek and to save us dummies from this world. Those who have it made, those who are the rich and the famous, the mighty, the noble, the leaders of this world, for the most part do not think they need to be saved!

Why did He come?

2. HE CAME TO SAVE BLIND SINNERS.

John 9:39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

John 9:40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

John 9:41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

Remember the Story and the man born blind who Jesus healed?

John 9:1-7 There was a man who was blind from birth, that Jesus healed. The disciples asked who had sinned that the man was born blind?

We always think bad things only happen to bad people.

Jesus heals the man and that sets in motion a tribunal court of the Pharisees. In their self righteousness they accused Him of violating the Sabbath by healing a man on the sabbath day!

I praise God I am a dummy and just believe that nit picking about the Sabbath is stupid! Could you imagine being so overly smart that you would actually think that healing a man on the Sabbath day would be displeasing to God?

This sets in motion a series of questioning!

John 9:17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

John 9:18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.

John 9:19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

John 9:20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:

John 9:21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.

John 9:22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

YOU SEE, IT WAS NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT TO SAY ANYTHING GOOD ABOUT JESUS!

So the parents of the man born blind pretended not to know anything.

So they ask the blind man!

John 9:24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

John 9:25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

John 9:26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

John 9:27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?

John 9:28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.

John 9:29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.

John 9:30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.

John 9:31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

John 9:32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

John 9:33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

John 9:34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

I'm so glad I am a dummy like this blind man and it just makes sense to me that Jesus had to be of God! Seems simple enough that a dummy could understand it.

John 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

John 9:36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

John 9:37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

John 9:38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Here we have it! Jesus came into the World to save dummies, to save poor sinners, those who have been blinded by Satan!!!

John 9:39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

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III. WHAT DOES JESUS WANT FROM US?

Jesus wants us to come to Him by faith and receive Him and believe in Him!

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Jesus wants us to come to Him and repent and be saved and forgiven our sins!

Luke 5:31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

Luke 5:32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Recently during gay pride week someone told me they heard a gay person stand up and say,

I am Gay, I am a sinner, God loves sinners, God loves me, end of story!

Yes, Jesus came as the great physician to make sinners whole.

He said to the woman taken in adultery, go and sin no more. Yes He forgives, but says, GO AND SIN NO MORE!

What Kind of physician says you when your sick, that's nice stay sick go in peace. I love you the way you are. No, a good physical would say, you have a terrible sickness (SIN), it is going to kill you. Let me help you. You need an operation, let me remove that sin and heal you!

A good physical gives a prescription for healing so the sick would be healed.

Jesus said, he came to call sinners to repentance. The problem is that we have a gospel today that has taken repentance out of the equation. So people have half the story.

Jesus came to call sinners to repentance.

A repentant sinner does not boast in their sin.

Repentance means you have a change of mind and heart about your sin, you experience guilt over your sin.

G3341 metanoia, met-an'-oy-ah; from 3340; (subj.) compunction (for guilt, includ. reformation); by impl. reversal (of another's decision):-
repentance.

Problem we have is that to get more results we have watered down the gospel message saying preaching repentance is preaching good works. I guess John the Baptist had it wrong when he said,

Matthew 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Matthew 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

Repentance should lead to a change of mind, a change of heart which should lead to a change of action or behavior!

WHAT DOES JESUS WANT OF US?

He wants us to humbly come to Him.

He wants us to repent.

IV. WHAT IS JESUS' FUTURE PLAN?

The rulers of this world crucified our Lord.

On the cross our Lord paid for the sins of the world and then went into the grave and came out of the grave three days later.

When Jesus came out of the grave, He, in essence, defeated death.

Now we have the promise that we too will become partakers of of His resurrection and we are now waiting for His return.

Jesus is coming back to earth to judge the living and the dead!

Right now He is recruiting soldiers and citizens for His kingdom.

When that last soul is saved, the door will be shut and our Lord will bring His wrath down on this planet in what the Bible calls the great tribulation. In that time the peoples of the world will be given over to Satan and the Lord will bring His wrath down on planet earth.

Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Philippians 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus has all Power in heaven and earth.

Now for us who are dummies, many a dummy gets a bit confused as we see how whacky things are getting.

I mean the abortion crowd seems to be growing to the point that it is said that 1 in 4 women in our nation has had an abortion.

The homosexual crowd is growing until we now have an openly gay candidate for president and people think you're crazy if you think there is anything wrong with that.

Ungodliness keeps growing and all common sense seems to be tossed out the door in our nation and world today!

Now for us dummies, we may think if Jesus has all power why is this happening?

The answer is simple, dummy.

Jesus said,

Matthew 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Matthew 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Luke 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Luke 17:27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Luke 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Look, all I can tell you is that if you read the Bible, **HOLD ON TO YOUR HAT DUMMY THINGS ARE GOING TO GET A LOT WORSE BEFORE THEY GET BETTER!**

But I have read the end of the book and Jesus will come and win the battle single handedly and I hope you will be there with Him.

JESUS IS COMING! HE DOES HAVE ALL POWER AND THERE ARE MORE THAT BE WITH US THAN BE WITH THEM!

I used to hear Carlton Lewis tell about when he came to this church before I was born. He said he remembers back when he and his dad would ride to Carbondale with a team of horses to get supplies. He would tell about the days when there was no electric in his house and he would hear preachers talking about these two witnesses in the book of revelation who were going to be killed by the antichrist for preaching. He said they preached that the whole world would see their dead bodies in the streets and they would see God resurrect them. Old Carlton said, when he was a little boy he couldn't understand how that was going to happen.

Daniel told us what we should expect in the end times.

Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Daniel 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

Yet he passed away quite a few years back, and he never saw what we are able to see today. Today you can see events live on your phone! Lee Mynyk put a link on our webpage where you can view people in Jerusalem praying at the wailing wall 24 hours a day!

Lift up your eyes dummies, your redemption draweth nigh.

Jesus said He is coming again.

Jesus promised his Kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven.

We can read the end of the Story in Revelation 22:12 ff:

Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Revelation 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Revelation 22:15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Revelation 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Revelation 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Everything you need to know about Jesus For Dummies:

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