

changed, and because He is perfectly just (Dt. 32:4) He must punish all law-breakers (Num. 14:18, Ezk. 18:4). The punishment awaiting our rebellion is eternal destruction, facing God's wrath, never to enjoy His presence (2 Th. 1:8-9).

In light of this, we need the good news that God sent Jesus to save the world. But how did He do it? Unlike Adam, Jesus Christ obeyed God's law perfectly (Ro. 5:15-21). He was the only one to live sinlessly, the only fully righteous man. And in love, Jesus took God's children's sin upon Himself to bear God's full wrath in their place (Ro. 5:6-11), dying the death that they deserved to die (Ga. 3:13), and in exchange freely gave them His own perfection, clothing them in His own personal righteousness (2 Co. 5:21). God then raised Jesus to life from the dead, never to die again, victorious over death itself (1 Co. 15:54-56). Therefore, those who believe in Jesus—the only way to God (Jn. 14:6)—stand before God guiltless (Ro. 8:1), are made righteous (Ro. 4:5), have victory over sin and death (Ro. 6:5-11, 23), and have the sure promise of eternal life to come (1 Jn. 2:25). This is the gospel! It is the greatest act of love ever displayed, that God would in His perfect justice, mercy, and grace, provide a completed way to save wicked sinners from their rebellion against Him (Jn. 3:16, Eph. 2:1-10), to enjoy His presence forevermore!

Jesus says, "Listen!" So, follow His voice, turn from your sins, and trust in Him alone for eternal life.



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## ***Bible Study***

### ***Who Is Jesus?***

Sunday, February 16, 2020  
Kimberly Hall South

## **Introduction – Psalm 1 (ESV)**

- 1 Blessed is the man  
    who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
    nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
    and on His law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree  
    planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
    and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so,  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the  
    judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will perish.

## **What Even Is Jesus’s Message After All?**

Mark 1:14-15 says that Jesus began His ministry “proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’” What does Jesus mean?

The word gospel means good news. The good news Jesus is calling us to believe is that God sent Him to save the world (Jn. 3:16-17). But why do we need to be saved? History begins when almighty God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:31, Col. 1:16). God also created the first two humans, Adam and Eve, to live in His world and enjoy His presence (Gen. 1:27-30). As His children, they were to be righteous, perfectly obeying their perfect Creator (Gen. 2:16-17). Perfection is the standard of a holy, righteous, and good God (Matt. 5:48). However, Adam and Eve chose to rebel against God—which the Bible calls sin—and by their action, all of creation was corrupted (Gen. 3:1-19, Ro. 5:12-14). We are ALL now slaves to sin by nature—we rebel against God because we are sinners (Ro. 3:23). We are unable to meet God’s standard of perfect righteousness on our own. No one is good (Mk. 10:18, Ro. 3:10-18).

Any sin, no matter how small, is an infinite offense when measured against an infinitely perfect and holy God (Ja. 2:10). Some people think they can go on overlooking their sin, continuing to live as rebels against God in whatever way they want (Eph. 4:18-19). But God’s standard has not

## **Singing – Fairest Lord Jesus**

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O, Thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast
4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine

## **Singing – Crown Him with Many Crowns**

1. Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king through all eternity
2. Crown Him the Lord of love: behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye  
At mysteries so bright
3. Crown Him the Lord of life:  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die
4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n:  
One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n  
From yonder glorious throne.  
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;  
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days  
Adored and magnified

## **Bible Study Outline – Questions and Notes**

### **I. Who Is Jesus?**

- A. Jesus Is God – John 1:1-5; Genesis 1
- B. The “I Am” Statements
  - I Am the Bread of Life – Jn. 6:35
  - I Am the Light of the World – Jn. 8:12
  - I Am the Door of the Sheep – Jn. 10:7
  - I Am the Good Shepherd – Jn. 10:11
  - I Am the Resurrection and the Life  
Jn. 11:25
  - I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life  
Jn. 14:6
  - I Am the True Vine – Jn. 15:5

### **II. What Do We Do with Jesus?**

- A. We Are Called to Receive and Believe in Jesus
  - Jn. 1:11-13; 13:8-11; 20:30-31
- B. We Are Called to Love and Obey Jesus
  - Jn. 14:15; 15:9-11

1. As you look at John 1:1-18 and Genesis 1:1-5; 2:7, what similarities do you see?
2. What do these similarities tell us about who Jesus is?
3. As you think about the gospels, what stories come to mind that show Jesus is God (i.e. think about miracles of Jesus)?
4. Jesus did not just perform miracles in His life on earth, He also taught the truth – specifically the truth about who He is. What did Jesus teach us about Himself?
5. As you look at the seven “I Am” statements, which statements jump out to you? Which statements are particularly comforting and why?
6. Why is it not enough to simply acknowledge that Jesus is God? If we truly believe that Jesus is God, how will we respond to Him? What does that look like in our lives?
7. Where do you struggle the most with the statement, “Jesus is God.”? Do you struggle believing these words to be true? Or do you struggle with what these words mean for your life (i.e. the reality that if Jesus is God, it means you need to submit to Him as God)?