

Epsm Module 1 Week 3 study Guide.

Who is our Savior? What was his ministry?

Who he is not!

- *He is not a created being.*
- *He was not just a Prophet, Teacher, or Good Person.*
- *He is not a man who ascended to be God.*
- *He is not just an Historical figure.*

John 1:1-2(NKJV) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ²*He was in the beginning with God.*

- *Logos - Word, Divine utterance of God, Expressed Idea*
- *Jews referred to the “word of the Lord” as God special revelation of himself,*
- *Greeks saw the Logos as the divine wisdom and order behind the universe the reasoning that gave it meaning.*
- *John summarizes both ideas and reveals the true meaning of the word.*
- ***The Logos was not only with God (a separate entity), But he was God himself (of the same essence).***
- *Gods’ relationship with his word is expressed as that of a Son and a Father.*
- *He is the Second Person of the Triune Godhead.*

John 1:3(NKJV) *All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

- *He was the creative agent in the beginning, explaining the mind of God to creation.*
- *All of creation was, made through him. He is the divine order that upholds the cosmos.*
- *As our words reveal our character and mind to people, God’s word who is a person explains him to all creation.*

Colossians 1:15-16(NKJV) ¹⁵*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or ^[a]principalities or ^[b]powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*

- **Image(eikon)** exact representation, resemblance,
- God cannot be seen; In Jesus the unknowable God becomes known.
- Where Adam failed; In Jesus is fully realized the true likeness and image of God.
- “**The firstborn over all creation**” – refers to the Uniqueness of Christ all “sons of God” were patterned after him.
- All of creation is his inheritance as Gods eternal son.

Hypostatic Union - The hypostatic union is the term used to describe how God the Son, Jesus Christ, took on a human nature, yet remained fully God at the same time.

- Jesus was not half man and half God he was fully man and fully God.
- He was not a man that became God but God that became man.

John 1:14(NKJV) And the Word became 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.

- Jesus is now forever God and forever man (Inseparable)
- Because man could not reach God, God came and reached man.
- **Philippians 2** – He willingly chose to limit his divine privileges, for a time to become flesh.
- The eternal word of God wrapped himself in human flesh.
- Jesus is the incarnation of God.

Why Jesus came? What was his ministry?

- Jesus was not a religious man. He did not come to bring Christianity or a religion.
- He came to bring what mankind lost connection to Father and the Kingdom of God.

- *His ministry was to reintroduce mankind back to the Kingdom of God and provide a way through the cross to access the Father.*

The Gospel of the Kingdom

Matthew 4:17(NKJV) *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven [is] at hand.”*

- *Jesus’ message was not merely how to get to heaven, but how to get heaven to earth.*
- *God’s invisible dominion had returned to rule in the hearts of man.*

Matthew 6:10(NKJV) *“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”*

- *Gods goal has always been from the beginning to get his heavenly kingdom will in our earth.*
- *Jesus was the second the true kingly priest that ushered in God’s kingdom.*

John 18:36(NKJV) *“My Kingdom is not of this world”*

- *Christ Kingdom did not come to join along with the world but to flip it upside down.*
- *He preached that through him the spiritual authority of God had returned to earth.*
- *He showed in teaching and demonstration what is the character and nature of Gods Kingdom.*

Matthew 4:23 -24(NKJV) *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. ²⁴ Then [His] fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.*

- Jesus not only preached the Kingdom of God he demonstrated it.
- Healing, Deliverance, Resurrection of the Dead and Miracles was not his message but Manifestations of his Kingdom.
- Heaven had invaded earth through a Person.
- He did signs to point to the validity of his message the comprehensive rule of God had returned to earth in their hearts.

The Death of the Cross

Why did Jesus have to die?

- The cross is the door; the Kingdom is house. You're not going into the house unless you go through the door.
- Jesus purposes was dual fold to reintroduce and to reinstate.

Matthew 20:28 (NKJV) just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

- A ransom was the purchasing money for manumitting slaves,
- Christ purpose on earth was to provide a way back into God's Kingdom.

Romans 6:23(NKJV) For the wages of sin is death

- Sin carries debt with it. Something had to be paid for our crime.
- We can't just enter back into Gods presence; the issue of sin has to be dealt with.
- So, in God's Wisdom, he would give himself on our behalf so that what Adam lost could be restored to us.
- The cross is the solution to God wrath, love, holiness and Justice.

Romans 5:8(NKJV) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- God's perfect love was manifested in the demonstration of the Cross.
- He didn't wait for us to do something we could never do he took the initiative.

2 Cor 5:21 - ²¹*For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

- *Jesus Christ was never a sinner, but he became sin on the cross.*
- *God wrath was poured into Jesus for 6 hours as he became sin itself.*
- *His death satisfied the debt that had to be paid by Adam's rebellion.*

Why the Blood of Jesus?

Leviticus 17:11(NKJV) *For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'*

- *The way God designed creation was that the blood of something carried the life of that being.*
- *Atonement – The act of appeasement for a wrongdoing, to satiate the wrath of God, to cover something.*
- *Sin gave way to death and the only way to atone(cover) for sin is the offering of your life which was contained in the blood.*
- *Animal Blood could not fully Atone for Human sin, our blood was tainted so it could only atone for our own sin but not another.*

Hebrews 9:22 (NKJV) *And according to the law almost all things are ^[a]purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no ^[b]remission.*

- *If Blood is not in the picture God is not interested.*
- *Sin is not forgiven through time, good works, or moral lives simply the offering of blood.*
- *The Life that is in the blood can only satisfy the righteous justice of God.*

Matthew 26:28(NKJV) *For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins*

- *Jesus was not born of Adam, he never committed sin, therefore his blood was clean.*
- *His blood was the only one qualified to satisfy the righteous requirement of God.*
- *His blood was so pure that it had enough life in itself to cover the sins of the world.*

Hebrews 9:13-14(NKJV) *For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

- *The Blood of the animals in the Old Covenant served as a reminder for sin, Christ blood cleanses our very conscience from the guilt of sin.*
- *We no longer serve God from useless works that could never bring us into his presence, we serve from entering into his presence through the blood.*
- *His blood is the cleansing agent for our soul; it gives us access to God's presence.*

The Resurrection

- *The cross dealt with the issue of sin, The resurrection the issue of death.*
- *Sin gets power though law, death gets power through sin, all who are born under the Law and Adam die because of sin.*
- *Jesus was not born under Adam he never sinned and broke the law, so death had inherent right over Jesus.*
- *This is why he had to lay his life down because legally death couldn't take it.*

John 10:17 (NKJV) *"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."*

Revelation 1:18(NKJV) *I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of ^{the}Hades and of Death.*

- Keys refer to access, and authority Jesus has authority over Hades and Death.
- When Jesus descended into the lower parts of the he took the keys of Hades and Death.
- In the Old Testament nobody died and went to heaven.
- All would go under the earth either to Abraham's bosom or Hades the realm of the Dead.
- Lazarus and the rich man **Luke Ch.16**

Matthew 27:51-53 (NKJV) *Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,⁵² and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;⁵³ and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.*

- Death no longer can hold souls in the grave it is Christ's authority.

The effects of the Cross

These facts became immediately true after you put your faith in Jesus:

- **Justification** – We are legally declared righteous before God not by our works but putting out faith in the finished work of the cross.
- **Righteousness** – We are in right standing, right positioning and right relationship with God through Jesus not behavior.
- **Redemption** – We have been bought back from slavery to sin and transferred back to the kingdom of light.
- **Sanctification** – Our Spirit man has been completely reborn and made in the perfect image of Christ.
- **Born Again** – We are completely new creatures, our spirits have been born again from above, our citizenship is in heaven, we have new hearts, new desires, new nature.

Jesus Christ current ministry our High Priest

- *High priest in the Old Testament represented us to God and God to the people*
- *He was appointed by God.*
- *High priest was responsible for Sin offerings. Ministering in the tabernacle.*
- *The Day of Atonement- One day a year, He would step in the Holy of Holies and sprinkle the Blood of a Lamb atoning for his own sins and the sin of the people.*

Hebrews 7:24-28(NKJV) *But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, ²⁷harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;²⁷ who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests' men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the son who has been perfected forever.*

- *Intercede - to make petitions, to appeal, to meet halfway.*
- *Christ still stands in the gap between us and God and intercedes on our behalf to the Father.*
- *Jesus stands as our High Priest in between us and God. **1 Tim 2:5***
- *Instead of the blood of bulls and Goats he presents his own blood on our behalf.*
- *He has no sin, so he doesn't offer the blood on his behalf but ours.*

Old Adam vs New Adam

