

Jesus is

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[0 : 00] Hallelujah! We thank God you've tuned into this message by David Entry at Caris Church. No hand can help you with the fulfillment of your destiny, but the Word of God. May God's hand align you further into your destiny through this Word.

Our reading today is when Mary saw him, Rabona! Rabona! Rabona! And then Jesus shows up where the disciples had guarded, and Thomas was not there, and he said to them that, It's me. You can put your hand, fill my wounds.

You know, and he came back. Thomas came and he told Thomas. Thomas said, No. I don't believe it. So, Jesus came there next week. At the time, Thomas was there, and he said, Thomas, it's me now.

Come and fill it. Thomas said, I don't need to do that. My Lord and my God. Verse 30 says, And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. You know what is coming.

It says that the next verse says that, But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that believing ye might have eternal life through his name.

[1 : 31] All right. So, how do you get eternal life? By believing. You get it through his name. How do you get eternal life through his name? By believing. All right.

So, these are written that you might believe. That, what are we supposed to believe? Why are these things written that we might believe, right? Believe what?

Jesus Christ. That what? Jesus Christ. I like the word after Jesus. What's the word after the name Jesus?

Jesus. So, these things have been written that you might believe that Jesus is. That Jesus, let's all say Jesus is.

Jesus is. Say it again. Jesus is. Say it for the last time. Jesus is. Jesus is. Hebrews 11, 6, that it's impossible to, without faith, it's not possible to please God, but for whoever comes to God must believe that he is.

[2 : 31] Jesus. So, these things are written that you believe that Jesus is. So, these are written that you will believe that Jesus is.

Someone say, Jesus is. Jesus is. So, what is Jesus? Jesus Christ. What is Jesus? The Christ. Is that all? Son of hope. What is Jesus?

The Christ. The Son of hope. What is Jesus? The Christ. Son of hope. Remember Matthew chapter 16 when he asked the disciples who do men say I am verse 16. Peter said you are the Christ, the son of the living God.

All right. So the things that are written in scriptures are written that we will believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God.

These things are written that you believe that Jesus is. What is Jesus? What is Jesus? What is Jesus? Christ, the son of the Lord. That is what determines who a Christian is.

[3 : 31] The belief that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God. These things have been written that you believe that Jesus is. Let's all say that together. Jesus is.

Let's all say that together. Jesus is. One more time. Jesus is. Then is. Now that is what determines who is a Christian or who is not a Christian. Christian. And that version of Jesus in the Koran is not the Jesus is that we are talking about.

No, no. Listen. These things are very important. For instance, Hindus have a version of Jesus they accept. Buddhists have a version of Jesus they accept.

Latter-day saints. Jehovah's Witnesses. I mean, these things are important. Politicians. Right. General people, people, somebody on the street, they have the version of Jesus they believe.

Amen. All right. So, different religions and even a-religious groups have a version of Jesus they believe. And some people call themselves Christians, but the version of Jesus they have makes them not one of us.

[4 : 41] Wow. Yeah. What would you say about Jesus is just a good man? Please. Excuse me. Jesus is not just a good man. He is the Christ.

The Christ. So, when you read John chapter 1, verse 45, Philip findeth Nathaniel and said unto him, Philip found out and said unto Nathaniel.

Let's not read it out. Let's go from the top. Let's go. So, Philip findeth Nathaniel and said unto him, we are found him, whom you know Jesus is the Lord and the Lord and the Lord and the Lord and the Father, Jesus of Nazareth.

Amen. So, we have found him. Amen. We have found him. Now, this him is the one the prophets have been talking about. That is what the Bible says, or John in today's region said, Jesus is.

They saw this guy and they said, we found him. This is the one we've been reading. Is it called mascot? Can't bother about what else is going on.

[5 : 46] Just so happy. I've seen him. I've seen him. That's what happened to Philip. He said, we found him. We have been reading about this guy in Genesis, in Exodus. Every Sabbath, we read about him.

They've been telling us stories about him. Moses wrote about him. The Lord was talking about him. So as you go to the synagogue, the synagogue readings leave you with one desire, one question. Who is this person? There is somebody coming. Who is this person? There is somebody coming. Who is this person? Then this Jewish boy said, we have found him. I have taught my shatter. We found him. Who are you talking about? Who? Who is? He is the one. Moses in the law. He said, Moses in the law.

So when you read, thou shalt not, thou shalt not. He was not just giving you instructions. He was telling you about somebody. That is why if your Christianity is built on, thou shalt not, thou shalt not.

[6 : 45] You have missed it. It's not what you don't do. And who you are not. And who you don't. It's not so much about that. It's have you found him? Because that is what gives meaning to what you don't do.

So if I don't steal and you don't steal, and you think that makes you a Christian, sorry may. It does not make you a Christian. What makes you a Christian? We may all be behaving the same way, good behavior, but yours is not born out of discovering Jesus.

Christians, the way Christians behave is based on your discovery of Christ. Not just thou shalt not fornicate. When you find him, then the law makes sense.

When you find him, then religion makes sense. Then prophecy. Suddenly Isaiah becomes more valuable. It is a Christ he prophesied that makes him a true prophet.

It's not his predictions that come to pass. Predictions don't make a person a prophet. It's the Christ in their message. Kadaba Shahaya. Because we have found him.

[7 : 59] Of whom Moses in the law. Of whom Moses in the law. And the prophets they wrote about. We found him. This whole thing has been written that it will be believed.

In Colossians chapter 1. Oh boy, this is getting too much for me. It's getting too much. I'm going to verse 17 and 18.

But I think it's as my custom is. I just like to indulge in scripture. Because the verses before keep calling my name. And I don't want to be this sketchy.

So I just want to respect the verses before. They keep calling my name. Even though I'm not talking about them. Because every verse talks about the same thing. So, well, it doesn't matter. I can still go to them.

The Bible says that he's the image of the invisible God. Who is the image of the invisible God?

[8 : 54] The firstborn. I taught you. The firstborn means that he's before any other thing. When it comes to honor. When it comes to value. When it comes to importance. He is before any other thing.

He's not in the class of all the others. He's above. He is the firstborn of every creature. For verse 16. For by him were all things created.

So he's not a creature. Being the firstborn of every creature. He wouldn't have been. Everything wouldn't have been created by him. For by him were all things created. That are in heaven and that are in earth.

Visible and invisible. Whether they be thrones or dominion. Please sit down. Or principalities or powers. And all things were created by him and for him.

He's the owner. All things. Nothing we give to Jesus is too much. Our lives. Giving your life to Jesus. You have not done the church a favor.

[9 : 54] Please. Then look at verse 17. He says that. And he's before all things. And by him all things consist. He is the one who gives the meaning and the definition.

And explanation of everything. Nothing makes sense outside of Jesus. That's why you wanted to kill yourself. Nothing makes sense. By him all things consist.

The next verse. I'm going to verse 18. And he is the head of the body. He's the head of what?

What's the body? So he's the head of?

The church. Who is the head of the church? I can't hear you. Who is the head of the church? Not the king. He doesn't know what it takes. He used to be the queen. Why would the church have a head that would die?

Please. You are dead if your head dies. Yes. But the church is a living, eternally living organism.

[11 : 00] So Christ is the head of the church. Not a pastor. Christ is the head of the church.

Who is the beginning and the first born from the dead. The only one who has been born from the dead. And he became the head of the church. That in all things.

This is where I've been trying to get to. In all things he might have what? The preeminence. Give us a new living translation. Let's see how the preeminence.

If it might use the same preeminence. Supreme over all things. Yeah. He is the first in everything. Message.

How does the message put it? That's a long one. Leading the resurrection parade. Hey. This one. I didn't know about that one. It's a whole parade. I didn't know about this one.

[11 : 58] Leading the resurrection. He is supreme in the end. From beginning to the end. He is there. Towering. I like that one.

That's the one I'm looking for. Towering far above everything and everyone. Now watch this. In our Christian life. That if you have found him.

That is the place he occupies in your life. He towers above everything and everyone. If you have actually found him. Suddenly you realize that he towers above everything.

So then. People with other religions. When they try to talk about him. You feel sorry for them.

Because it's just. You realize how ignorant they are. And potentially them.

Because you have met him. Who towers above everything and everyone. So when we come to church. The reason why we sing. Is this.

[13 : 00] In our song. He must tower above everything and everyone. In our relationships. So if you step on my toe. And I don't like it.

In my feelings towards you. He must tower above that. Do you understand that? He must have the preeminence. So I consider. What my relationship is to him.

Before I consider what it is to you. So when you hurt me. And I want to hurt you back. I have to consider. What my actions. Are to him.

Before what it actually means to you. Who I want to hurt back. Who I want to prove something to.

He must tower above everything. That's if you have found him. If you have found him.

Then we must grow. In this knowledge of him. That we are his increase. And that said. That is what the essence of church. And preaching is.

[14 : 00] The essence of preaching. Is that. There will be the increase of Christ. In the hearers. There's no need we celebrate. Any man of God.

Who has not increased Christ in you. Oh yes. Come on. This whole thing is about Christ. So we might be. It's your birthday.

And all that. At the end of the day. There's nothing wrong with it. There's nothing wrong. If we are doing that. Because of such a one. Who points us to Christ. Who elevates Christ before us.

Who makes us know Christ better. Who throws us closer to Christ. If we will celebrate him. Then I don't care. What it costs to celebrate him. But let's settle this first. That this thing is Christ.

So even our celebration. Christ must tower. Must be the terrifying persona. Terrifying factor. In our celebration of anything.

[14 : 59] That we honor in church. So say. If I celebrate you. I have to think about. What my celebrating you. Will mean to Christ. If I think like that.

Go to the Jews. And so the core elements of spirituality that were committed to the Jews were first of all, the speakings of the prophets. Secondly, the angels.

Thirdly, the hype, the priest, priest, priesthood system, or Moses, and the priesthood system. So, to a Jew, when you mention the priesthood system, hey, don't go there, this is, this is, this is not in our realm.

They give it high reverence and double honor. To the Jew, when you mention Moses, Moses, hey, Moses is starting. If you mention the prophets, the prophets, that's why they said, Moses, Abraham, our father, and Moses, they are dead.

[21 : 52] And you say, anyone who read your, who listens to your word will not die. Didn't we say you have a devil? Yeah. John chapter 8 from verse 48, downwards.

Did we not say that you have a reason? You, you, are you, are you greater than our father, our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets who are dead, who do you make yourself to be? You. What do you make yourself, what do you think? Then the Jews said, now we know you have a demon because Abraham is dead and the, and the prophets and you say, if anyone keeps my word, he shall never taste.

Taste it. You said that? Yeah, because Jesus tasted death for us. when a Christian is dying, it can be the most peaceful aspect in his life.

Those of you who are in the medical profession, nurses and doctors, if you see a Christian dying, just observe it, it's so peaceful. Most unbelievers, when they die, you go and check, because death is very chilling.

[23 : 03] The grips of death is grim. It's, it's bitter to taste death. So Hebrews chapter 2, verse 9, Bible said, he tasted death for us.

It says that, but we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor that he, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Not everyone who is alive, those of us who are in him, everyone who is in Christ, so that you don't have to taste death. In John chapter 11, verse 25, it said, I'm the resurrection and the life, come on, shudder higher.

Oh yes, I'm the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me, though he may die, he shall not live. Look at verse 26, look at verse 26, look at, and whoever lives and believes in me, he shall never die.

When you look, I think the NIV say he shall never taste death. Oh, one of the verses, it talks about he shall never taste death. When you go down, he says, never taste death. Why? Because Jesus Christ tasted it for us.

[24 : 07] So when a believer is dying, it's a peaceful journey. It's a nice transition. It's a nice, Bible talks about how glorious, the death of a saint. It's precious in the sight of God.

Yeah, he said, precious in the sight of God is the death of a saint. Because when a Christian is about to die, all of a sudden, in fact, there have been instances where people, yeah, it's 1, 1, 1, 6, verse 15, precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

There have been instances where some people were, they almost checked out, like in coma, and they checked out. And another zealous, like a mother, passes, and sons and daughters or husband, very fiery Christian, praise God, my wife cannot die.

And then they come, and say, why did you disturb me? I preferred where I was. There have been instances where people checking a little bit, and say, ah, this is cold. Usually when Christians are about to die, there are angels who come and take them out.

They are ready. No, they're coming home of a saint. Jesus tested them. So they said, who do you make yourself to be?

[25 : 15] And the reference point was, he didn't even mention Moses. He didn't mention Moses. He didn't mention the prophet. But he was teaching them a truth, some truth. John 8, from verse 48.

He was teaching them truth. Then he told them that, if you believe in me, you won't die. Then they said, who do you make yourself to be? Moses, Abraham is dead.

The prophets are dead. So the reference point of real spirituality for the Jews, to whom was committed the oracles of God, is you're talking about the prophets. You're talking about Moses. You're talking about angels. You're talking about the high priest and the priests. Those are the mediatorial processes or mediatorial junctions to contacting God.

You cannot say you have a relationship with God without having encounters with angels in the Old Testament. Prophets, high priest, Moses. These are the elements.

[26 : 14] Then Hebrew comes on the scene. The book of Hebrews. It was written to Hebrews. It was written to Hebrews. Hebrews. Abraham the Hebrew. It was written to Hebrews. And the book of Hebrews comes on the scene.

in Hebrews chapter 1 verse 1. It said, God, God, God, who in sundry times, keep us, keep us in the New King James. God, who in times past, who at various times and in various ways spoke in times past to our fathers by the prophets.

Prince, by God, in times past, please sit down, sit down. God, we're going to have to finish. God, in the days, that's talking about the oracles, the days when the Jews had the Torah, all they had was the prophets and the Torah.

I said, God in those days, so Isaiah will stand and Isaiah will say to the king, that says the Lord. And the new God was talking. Jeremiah will say, that's what the Lord is saying, the new God was talking.

God is always a speaking God. that's why everybody who received the Holy Spirit spoke out. God is a speaking God. So they will say, that says the Lord, that says the Lord.

[27 : 30] And everybody knew that Isaiah is a seasoned prophet. Jeremiah is a seasoned prophet. Amos is a seasoned prophet. Zachariah is a seasoned prophet. Daniel is a seasoned prophet. The prophets prophesied. Suddenly, the Bible is saying that God who in times past, in various ways, spoke to our fathers by the prophets, look at verse 2, has in these last days my God.

So he says, what does that mean? Your, is it grandfather or grandmother? Your father tells you something or your grandfather tells you something.

He says, I'm going to ask my father. What your father is telling you, your grandfather taught him. It's just an expression.

when you find Jesus, didn't you hear in Matthew, Matthew chapter 17, this is, verse 3, this is my beloved son.

Oh, come on. Okay. Verse 5, a voice came and a verse, he said, this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased. What? What? What?

[28 : 41] He's the one to be heard. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, wow, wow, wow, wow.

Everything the prophets have said, what he says is fine now. So, quickly, he said, Jesus is better than the prophets because the value of a prophet or what a prophet does is not dancing.

It's not singing. A prophet does what? Speaks forth. So, he said, God spoke through the prophets in these last days. Now, he has made them redundant.

He's speaking through his son. Ha, ha, who he has appointed the head of all, the heir of all things through whom also he made the world.

It's appeared again. Colossians, he made the world through him. It's appeared again. So, he said, he's saying, what he's saying here is that God used to speak by the prophets but now, he has closed the books of the prophets.

Everything that God ever has to say, you got to go to Jesus. If you don't know Jesus and if you are not in Christ, you are in crisis. If you are not in Christ, you won't hear from God.

[29 : 53] If you are not in Christ, it doesn't matter. You can be a Jew born of a circumcised father. You are alienated from the life of God. So, prophets, God, who in times spoke to, this time he's speaking to the son.

Then, in the same chapter one, he began to bring the angels. So, when you read from verse five, he dropped angels. Oh, let's go to four. Let's go to four. Let's go to four.

Having become so much better than the angels. Ah, Jesus Christ has become so much better than the angels. Now, you say angels to a Jew, he knows what you're talking about. And he said, these are Jesus.

He's better than the angels. He's better than the prophets. These are the core elements, the junctions, the mediatorial personalities and personal mediatorial elements for reaching to God.

The prophets, and now he said angels, he's having become so much better than the angels as he has, by inheritance, obtained a more excellent name.

[30 : 55] let every other name play away till there's only you. He has obtained a more excellent name than the angels.

It doesn't matter angel Gabriel, angel Michael, any of the angels, none of them, none of them come anywhere close to him. So, if you want to be really spiritual, this time to drop the angels.

When someone say, angels have been coming to my room, please don't be, don't be impressed or intimidated by those things. Whether it's true or it's not true, it's irrelevant.

I was asleep and I saw an angel came to me and, did that experience draw you closer to Christ?

Yes, it did. I started feeling so nice about Jesus.

Has he produced godly fruits and fruits for the building of the church because Jesus is doing only one thing. I'm not talking about he's just behaving nice. He's building the church. If you meet him and he has touched you, you'll be a church builder.

[32 : 04] Let me just throw a little bit more light on it. Who do men say I am? Who do you say I am?

Peter said, you are the son, the Christ, the son of the living God. Jesus said, blessed are you, Samuel Bajona, for flesh and blood has not revealed you by my father.

Verse 18, and I tell you the truth, you are Peter. Upon this rock, I will build. Build. He's a builder. So if you have really met him and your heart is for him, you will join him in building.

How come you see, you are talking about revelations and meeting angels and you are so useless in the church building. useless.

You are full of personal revelations to embellish your ego. The rock really shows that you have actually encountered Christ is it produces the building of the church because he's the head of the church.

Head. Not organizational head, but organism. Head. Head as the head of an organism. The head that makes the decision, the life flows through the head.

[33 : 19] Jesus is building the church. Let me finish. Sit down. Is that one learning something?

Yes. Let every other name fade away.

So those who have a problem about our celebrating men of God or genuine men of God, we celebrate because of the Christ they project. See, when they don't have Christ, they get concerned because they think that you are making this man of God more important.

But when you have Christ, you know that actually this Christ came through this. Oh. In fact, the more I get closer to him, I'm beginning to find out that I'm becoming more Christ-like, more Christ-focused, more Christ-centered.

Yes, how beautiful are the feet of those who preach that goes. Church is about Christ. If you keep coming to church and Christ is not being formed in you, there's something wrong with you or there's something wrong with the preaching.

Yeah. Because there are people going to church and Christ is not forming in them. It's not them. It's the preaching. Because the preachers are always preaching about what does not produce.

[34 : 35] He said, I live, I travel again. Galatians chapter 4 verse 19. That Christ be formed, my little children, for whom I live in birth again.

That Christ be formed in you. That Christ. When he pleased, this is Galatians chapter 1 verse 15 and 16. When he pleased God who separated me from my mother's womb, not my father's womb, my mother's womb, to reveal.

See the verse 16? To reveal. The reason why he separated me is to reveal Christ in me. So, when I show up, Christ will be revealed. Yeah. That's the essence of Christianity.

That's the essence of powerful preaching. Powerful preaching is not the one that makes you excited. It's the one that makes Christ be formed in you. That Christ can be revealed in you.

By the time you are getting home, people who have known you know that, no. This is a different person, not just by virtue of behavior, but by virtue of a life that is being revealed in you. So, Jesus is better than the prophets.

[35 : 44] Jesus is bigger than the angels. And then he adds the third one, chapter 3, we bring Jesus Moses. Every house is built by Psalm 1 verse 6.

Every house. He said, Moses was faithful in all his house. Oh, my God. And he was trying to point that Jesus was bigger and better than Moses. Then towards the end of chapter 5, when you go to verse 10, verse 11, then he drops a bigger name than Moses.

He drops a name Melchizedek. He drops Melchizedek. And he said, concerning this Melchizedek, we have a lot to say about, but it's difficult to talk since you are dull of hearing.

Oh, for by this time, when you ought to be teachers, you need to be taught again the elementary things of God. Chapter 6, verse 1, now let us move away from just the basic things and let us go to

maturity.

Let's move away from the foundations, foundations. then he hits on that. So he touched on Melchizedek, but that Melchizedek was so heavy profile that he said, we have a lot, verse 11, chapter 5, we have a lot of whom we have much to say, but it's hard to explain.

[37 : 02] And the problem is not us, but since you are dull of hearing. We have a lot to say, but it's hard to talk about because you are dull of hearing. then he explains why we are dull of hearing.

For by this time, you still need counseling on how to stop masturbating. Listen, some people have come to the church, but they are not in Christ.

None of us is perfect. When you are in Christ, sinning becomes willful. But you get a bite. After you sin, you feel very uncomfortable.

Uncomfortable. You are very measured when you are engaging somebody to join you in sin. You are so restricted that what you want to do, you just are not free to do because you represent the Christ.

And when you do it, it takes a long time to do it. Nobody, no genuine Christian falls at once. You are there and one day you just backslide. No, no, no, no. It's coming months ago.

[38 : 10] Yes. Months ago. Is it true? Yeah. It's a month ago. No Christian fornication suddenly.

Because Holy Ghost will interrupt you for so long and a lot of other things. No Christian fornication those of you have been fornicating suddenly every time. come and sit in front of me and think you are learning the words.

You know what words to say to impress me. You are joking. You're joking. I can see through you. But for political reasons and courtesy reasons, I may not say anything, but I can see through you. No one, I mean, even Pastor Charles, Pastor Frank, the pastors here, haven't been around for a while. we see a lot of things people don't give us credit for. You can't easily say I'm impressing you because of you.

No. Our joy is that the Christ in you will grow. Christ will be revealed in you. That's what makes us men of God. That's what makes us not the suits we wear, not the people who listen to us, not our following, but our drive that Christ will be revealed in others.

[39 : 30] That's what makes a person a man of God. So think about yourself if you're a man of God. Think about yourself if you're a woman of God. Your revelations and visions and encounters and dreams are bogus if it doesn't lead to this.

That's one of the reasons I wanted you to come close. Because revelations don't make a person a man of God. Muhammad had a very powerful revelation.

Joseph Smith. Deep revelations. People have it. Even Peter, didn't he have the one Jesus said? This one was given to you from a few chapter verses later. It was going off. So how can you build the entirety of your Christian life on revelations and revelations that are subjective?

Most mental challenges start with six revelations. they hear things and see things that no one is seeing. Some of the things cannot be uttered.

[40 : 36] So stick with the oracles. Stick with it. And learn how to discover Christ in the oracles. Not by looking for strange things no one has said.

That's the agnostics. They think there's something you don't know. There's nothing. everything is here. So the job of a pastor is to make sure that Jesus has the prayer minutes by pointing him from the book and everybody to the book.

He's bigger than angels. Bigger than the prophets. Bigger than Moses. Bigger than the high priests. That is the Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. These are written that you believe that Christ is.

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