

(PROJECT) RED: Learning and Living the Words of Jesus

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"LORD... YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE." - JOHN 6:68

Week 9 of 9

PRAY // REVIEW

(PROJECT) RED Review

- 1. We should be as committed to Jesus' words as we'd have to be to eat his flesh.
- 2. We should live to earn approval from God and for God.
- 3. Living out the words of Jesus brings stability to our lives.
- 4. God's kingdom is reserved for those who live under the authority of Christ.
- 5. The key to conquering fear is to actively claim the truth.
- 6. I cannot control how others act, think, or feel, but on my side, I can do what's right.
- 7. The four essentials of the faith are God, Community, Growth, and Ministry.
- 8. The return of Jesus is near, sure, and unpredictable.

devotionals // \$200 for AIDS relief // 2 service projects // Now, most important lesson JOHN 1:1-3, 14 (P. 736)

ILL: First time I heard this, I gave up on the Bible... for a few seconds
Like Abbot and Costello // Heraclitus // translated "Word" anyway... Word of God

Everything I need to know I learned **from Jesus**.

Assumption that the Bible's portrayal of Jesus is accurate.

Jesus' life and teaching, as revealed in the **Bible**, are the ultimate expressions of **God's Word** to us.

CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?

DaVinci Code shows the number of people who want to doubt the Bible // Jesus Seminar
Two approaches to the question...

ASSUMING WE CAN'T, WHAT'S THE PROOF?

- I. No ancient document is as well **attested** as the NT.
- 2. No religious document is as historically **a c c u r a t e** as the NT.
- 3. No religious document is as openly **honest** about its writers.

ASSUMING WE CAN, WHAT DOES IT CLAIM?

lesus is **all we need**.

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Hebrews 1:1-3

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

1 Timothy 2:5

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

The entire **Bible** points to **Jesus**.

... And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Luke 24:27

Only the **Bible** accurately points to Jesus.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

1 John 1:1-4

So What?

What do I really know about Jesus? Where have I gotten my information about him?

I. **Learn** about him.

ILL: starting point of religious inquiry // read a gospel // read a letter.

2. **Submit** your heart to him

repentance and baptism

3. Spend **t i m e** with him

prayer & meditation

4. **Live** like him

compassionate righteousness