

PULPIT COMPANION

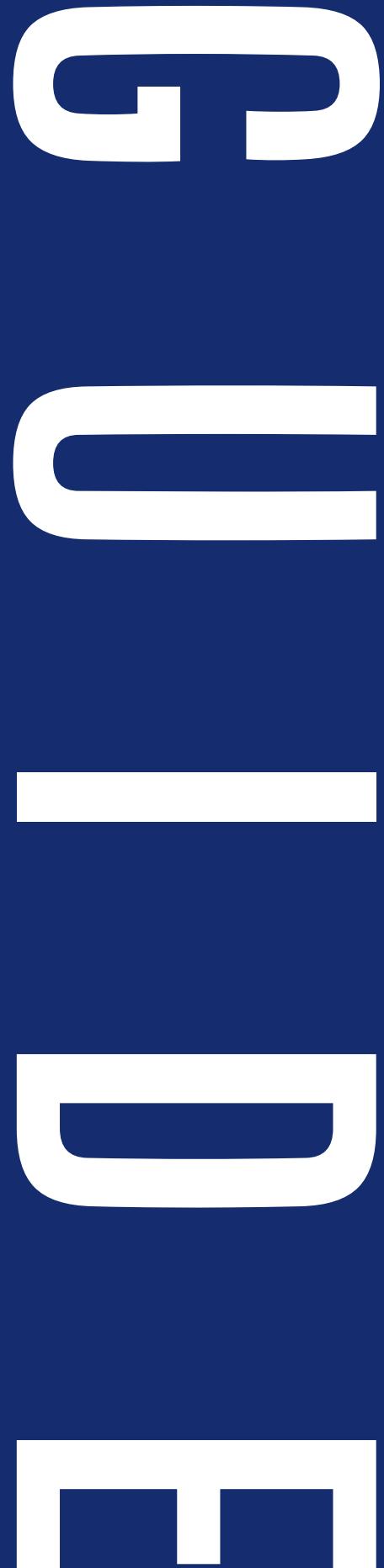
JESUS IN 3D PART 2

JOHN 1:10-18

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In this powerful message, we're challenged to examine our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The key scripture, Matthew 16:13-15, prompts us to consider: 'Who do you say that I am?' This question isn't just for the disciples; it's for each of us today. We're reminded that knowing Jesus intellectually isn't enough - we need a personal, transformative experience with Him.

The message beautifully contrasts the historical Jesus with the living Savior, emphasizing that unlike other religious figures, Christ conquered death. This resurrection power is what sets our faith apart and gives us hope in our daily struggles.

As we reflect on who Jesus is to us personally, we're encouraged to let this knowledge shape our behavior and interactions with others, showing Christ's love to everyone we encounter, regardless of their background or beliefs.

SCRIPTURES FROM PULPIT AI

- Matthew 16:13-15
- Romans 6:23
- Romans 3:23
- Ezra 3:11
- John 1:1-10 (mentioned as context)
- John 2:1-11 (turning water into wine)
- John 11 (raising Lazarus from the dead)
- Luke 8:43-48 (woman with the issue of blood)
- John 5:1-15 (healing at the pool of Bethesda)
- Matthew 28 / Mark 16 / Luke 24 / John 20 (Jesus' resurrection)
- Isaiah 6:8 ("Who will go for us?")
- Matthew 1:18-25 (Virgin birth narrative)





DEVOTIONAL

Day 1: The Living Christ

Reading: John 11:17-27

Devotional: Jesus declared, "I am the resurrection and the life." This powerful statement reminds us that our faith is not based on a historical figure or mere philosophy, but on a living Savior. Just as Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He offers us new life today.

Reflect on areas in your life that feel spiritually dead or stagnant. How can you invite the living Christ to breathe new life into these areas? Remember, the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in you through the Holy Spirit.

Day 2: Seeing Jesus in 3D

Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Devotional: The sermon emphasized seeing Jesus from different perspectives - historical, personal, and practical. Today's reading paints a comprehensive picture of Christ's supremacy.

As you read, consider how you view Jesus. Do you see Him merely as a historical figure, or as the active, supreme ruler of your life? Take time to examine your relationship with Christ. Are there aspects of His character you've overlooked? Ask God to give you a fuller, "3D" understanding of who Jesus is and how He wants to work in your life today.

Day 3: The Power of the Blood

Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

Devotional: "Nothing but the blood of Jesus" was a powerful refrain in the worship service. The blood of Christ is central to our faith, cleansing us from sin and giving us access to God.

As you read today's passage, meditate on the significance of Christ's sacrifice. How does the reality of His blood shed for you impact your daily life? Are there areas where you need to apply the cleansing power of the blood afresh? Thank God for the complete forgiveness and freedom available through Christ's sacrifice.





Day 4: Proclaiming Christ

Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Devotional: Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" This question is just as relevant for us today. Our answer shapes our witness to the world. Peter's confession, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," came through divine revelation. Spend time in prayer, asking God to deepen your understanding of who Jesus is. How can you boldly proclaim Christ in your spheres of influence?

Remember, our testimony is not just intellectual knowledge, but a living relationship with the risen Savior.

Day 5: God's Sovereignty in Suffering

Reading: Romans 8:28-39

Devotional: The sermon touched on how God can work even through challenging circumstances, like the story of the pardoned man.

Today's passage reminds us that nothing can separate us from God's love, and He works all things for good for those who love Him. Reflect on difficult situations in your life. How might God be working through these challenges? Even when we don't understand, we can trust in God's sovereign love. Ask for faith to see your circumstances through God's perspective and for strength to persevere in hope.





SMALL GROUP GUIDE: Jesus in 3D

Opening Prayer:

Key Takeaways:

1. Jesus challenged his disciples to consider who He truly was, beyond just intellectual knowledge.
2. We need to see Jesus from multiple perspectives: historical, personal, and practical.
3. Our relationship with Jesus should impact our behavior and how we interact with others.
4. Jesus is alive and active in our lives today, unlike other religious figures who have died.

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor mentions seeing "Jesus in 3D" - historical, personal, and practical perspectives. How do you currently view Jesus in your life? Which perspective resonates most with you?
2. Reflect on the question Jesus asked his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" How would you personally answer this question? Has your answer changed over time?
3. The sermon emphasizes the importance of not just having intellectual knowledge about Jesus, but also a personal experience. Can you share an experience that deepened your relationship with Jesus beyond just "head knowledge"?
4. How does the reality of Jesus being alive (as opposed to other religious figures who have died) impact your faith and daily life?
5. The pastor talks about loving others regardless of their background or lifestyle. How can we practically demonstrate Christ's love to those who may be different from us or hold different beliefs?
6. What obstacles do you face in sharing your faith or telling others about Jesus? How can we overcome these challenges?





Practical Applications:

1. This week, take time to reflect on who Jesus is to you personally. Write down your thoughts and share with the group next time.
2. Practice seeing others through Jesus' eyes. Choose one person you struggle to love or understand, and make an effort to show them kindness this week.
3. Identify one area of your life where you need to allow your knowledge of Jesus to impact your behavior. Make a specific plan to address this.
4. Share your testimony of how Jesus has impacted your life with at least one person this week.
5. Spend time in prayer, asking God to deepen your understanding and experience of who Jesus is in all aspects of your life.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for being alive and active in our lives. Help us to see you clearly - historically, personally, and practically. May our knowledge of you transform our behavior and empower us to share your love with others. Guide us as we seek to know you more deeply and live out our faith in meaningful ways. Amen.

