

Why Jesus Matters

*The Eternal Impact of
One Extraordinary Life*

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 I do not agree with everything stated in the book.
 We will use the book as a basic outline for study.**

Lesson One: Why Jesus Matters in History

The Historical Jesus

"Anything is possible if a person believes." – Jesus

Galatians 4:4

John 3:16

Mark 2:5

John 14:7

Mark 9:23

John 20:25, 27, 29

Would it make any difference to you if the historical evidence regarding Jesus was weak?

Would you still believe in Jesus even if there were no proof? Why or why not?

Imagine you were living at the time Jesus walked the earth. What would have convinced you that Jesus was the Son of God?

It's one thing to believe that Jesus actually lived. It's quite another to believe what he said. Do you believe the words of Jesus? Why?

Civilization

"I doubt if there is in the world a single problem, whether social, political, or economic, which would not find ready solution if men and nations would rule their lives according to the plain teaching of the Sermon on the Mount." –Franklin D. Roosevelt

Can you think of any other single person that has influenced civilization more than Jesus Christ?

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson? "Our civilization cannot survive materially unless it be redeemed spiritually."

Try to imagine what our civilization would look like without the influence of Jesus or His principles. Would it be better or worse? Now consider whether the historical struggles of civilization- and the rise and fall of empires along the way- have been caused by people not following the teaching of Jesus too closely, or not enough.

Government

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. And the government will rest on his shoulders. These will be his royal titles: Wonderful counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule forever with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David." Isaiah the Prophet

Think of governments that have succeeded and those that have failed. What are the common denominators of successful governments? Do the failures have anything in common?

Many democratic nations employ a strategy of checks and balances among the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government. It's been said, "If men were angels, no government would be necessary." What is the connection between the doctrine of the separation of powers and the Christian doctrine of the sinfulness of humanity?

George Washington said, "Mankind, when left to themselves, are unfit for their own government." What does this quote reveal about his attitude toward divine guidance in government operations?

Freedom

"So if the Son sets you free, you will indeed be free." –Jesus

John 8:36
Romans 8:1-2
Galatians 5:1

Can you think of a country besides the United States in which preserving freedom is so fundamental? What do you believe was the basis for that country's commitment to personal freedom?

What could the Roman philosopher Seneca have meant when he said: "No man is free who is a slave to the flesh"?

Notice that the Christ-inspired concepts of freedom that have permeated our culture are not limited to Christians. In what ways have people of other faiths-or those having no religious belief-benefited from the freedoms in our society?

Prophecy

"Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot—yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. He will delight in obeying the lord. He will never judge by appearance, false evidence, or hearsay. He will defend the poor and the exploited. He will rule against the wicked and destroy them with the breath of his mouth. He will be clothed with the fairness and truth. – Isaiah the Prophet

Isaiah 11:1-5

Genesis 3:15

Luke 1:31

Matthew 1:21

Why is it important that the Bible contains prophecies? What do they show us about God?

How do the prophecies in the Bible distinguish it from all of the other "holy books"?

Why was it important that Jesus fulfill the prophecies about himself to the letter? What if any of the prophecies about him had been wrong?

Lesson Two: Why Jesus Matters in Culture

Human Rights

Red, brown, yellow, black and white, All are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world. – From a children's Sunday school song

Genesis 1:27

John 3:16

Matthew 18:14

Mark 10:14

Luke 8:1-2

Ephesians 5:25-28

Philemon 10, 16

Bishop Desmond TUTU said: I don't preach a social gospel; I preach the Gospel, period. The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is concerned for the whole person. When people were hungry, Jesus didn't say, "Now is that political, or social?" He said, "I'll feed you." Because the good news to a hungry person is bread. What do you think of this statement?

Without Christ's perspective on the value of human life, you might be alive today. Why?

Consider a few other cultures of countries where Christianity is not a predominant faith. What are the attitudes in those places towards human right?

If Darwin was right and life is merely random happenstance, then "survival of the fittest" is an acceptable ethic. But if Jesus was right and humanity was created in God's image, then the sanctity of life should be our prevailing ethic. How can you explain this to a non-believer?

Belief and Behavior

"Do for others what you would like them to do for you." – Jesus

Matthew 7:12

John 3:16

Ephesians 1:9, 10

John 13:34, 35

Matthew 22:39

Matthew 5:44

Can you think of a time when you loved your enemies?

Isn't it amazing how Jesus positively impacts people, even those who don't take him seriously?

Money

"Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be." – Jesus

Luke 12:34
Luke 16:13
Mark 10:23
Matthew 25:14-30
Matthew 6:31-33
Exodus 20:17
John 3:27
Matthew 25:23
I Corinthians 10:31
1 Timothy 6:18
Luke 12:48
Luke 12:33, 24

How does knowing that Jesus is interested in your money change the way you make and spend the money you have?

Because everything we have comes from God, we can't give him anything that doesn't already belong to him. So then, why are we commanded to give?

It isn't how rich or poor we are that matters, but what we do with what God has given us. How can we be better stewards?

Politics

"Jesus is not a blue-eyed right-winger, as some have implied; nor is he a guilt-ridden liberal or compromising centrist. Jesus is the one who entered the world among the dispossessed and the outcasts to announce an entirely new way of thinking and living. The way of Jesus and the prophets isn't just a welfare program; it calls for a change of heart, a revolution of the spirit, a transformation of our consciousness." – Jim Wallis

John 14:6
John 3:16
Matthew 11:28
Luke 10:25--28

What teachings of Jesus would appeal to the Republican Party? Which of His teachings would appeal to the Democrats?

If Jesus were alive today, which political party would he join?

What aspects about Jesus would make him an unattractive candidate for political office?

Would anything about him appeal to the voters?

Education

"After Jesus finished speaking, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught as one who had real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law."— Matthew

Matthew 7:28, 29

John 3:2

Matthew 7:28, 29

Mark 12:37

Matthew 19:14

Very few colleges and universities founded on biblical principles and the teachings of Jesus have stayed true to their beginnings. What has been the result of this "falling away"?

Is it possible to get a well-rounded, objective education at a college or university that suppresses or denies the truth about God and the teachings of Jesus? What would you have to do to learn the truth?

Ultimately all truth is God's truth. Therefore, the most important thing you can do in the course of your education is to pursue the truth.

Lesson Three: Why Jesus Matters in Science

Knowledge

"Every glimpse of God is his gift, to lead us to long more for that most blessed, ever-longing, ever satisfying knowledge of him, which will be this bliss of eternity." – Edward Pusey

Colossians 1:16

John 2:6-11

Mark 4:35-41

John 11:38-44

Luke 19:10

John 8:12

John 1:9

Romans 2:14

Genesis 1:28

George Tyrrell said, "It is extremely hard for a Christian to look straight at his religion without regarding science out of the corner of his eye or to face science without a similar side-glance at religion." What do you think about this?

"Are there things about the universe that are "unknowable"? Give some examples.

Are there things about God that are "unknowable"? Give some examples.

What are some things you know about God? How does that affect the way you live?

It isn't what you know that counts, but what you do with what you know.

Exploration and Discovery

"For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." – Jesus

John 3:16

Genesis 12:1-3

Exodus 3:8-10

John 14:1-4

Great discoveries always improve the lives of others. What do you think is the greatest human achievement in the history of the world?

In what ways did the gospel, and the work of the apostles, expand the know world in the days of the early church?

The greatest adventure anyone can experience is to explore God and discover Jesus.

Health and Medicine

"A vast crowd brought him the lame, blind, crippled, mute, and many others with physical difficulties, and they laid them before Jesus. And he healed them all. The crowd was amazed! Those who hadn't been able to speak were talking, the crippled were made well, the lame were walking around, and those who had been blind could see again!" – Matthew

Matthew 15:30-31
John 9:1-7

Do you know of someone who has been inspired by Christ to devote time to some sort of humanitarian service? How do you think faith in Jesus can stimulate such devoted service?

Can you name an international organization that offers medical assistance in the name of Christ? Are any hospitals in our area established by Christian organizations?

Would you rather: (a) Cure several hundred people of a terrible disease; or (b) Inspire millions of people to bring medical assistance to those who need it around the world for centuries after your death?

Technology

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." – Jesus

Matthew 28:19
Acts 1:8

If you had a message you believed could change lives for the better, how would you get that message to as many people as possible?

Consider the types of organizations which might be interested in providing technology to impoverished third world countries. There are manufacturers (looking to sell products), broadcasters (looking for advertising revenues), and mission agencies (looking to spread their message). Who has the strongest motivation?

You can easily download the entire Bible onto your PDA. How many other books would you estimate are available in a similar way? What does your answer tell you about the universally recognized importance of making the Bible available on developing technologies?

Miracles

"Because of the miraculous signs he did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many people were convinced that he was indeed the Messiah. – John

John 2:23
John 10:30

What do you think philosopher Blaise Pascal meant when he said: "Had it not been for the miracles, there would have been no sin in not believing in Jesus Christ"?

Is it necessary to believe the credibility of the miracles in order to believe Christ's claim that he was God?

Imagine that someone were to find a nonsupernatural explanation for Jesus' miracles. Conversely, imagine that the scientific community were to issue a unanimous finding that the miracles have no explanation besides a divine source. In either case, would the controversy surrounding Christ cease?

Lesson Four: Why Jesus Matters in the Arts

Art

"The fine arts once divorcing themselves from truth are quite certain to fall mad, if they do not die. – Thomas Carlyle

Genesis 1:31
Philippians 4:8
Colossians 1:16-20
Romans 8:20-22

How would you defend this statement in an art class: "Because of Jesus, we have art"?

What happens when we don't think about things that are true and honorable and pure and lovely?

When art fails to connect with God in some way, it fails to connect with people in any way. How is this true?

Music

"Had Jesus never been born, music would sound very different from what we're used to....Music today would probably sound somewhat similar to what we hear in the Middle East or Far East. There never would have developed the cantata, the concerto, or the symphony." – D. James Kennedy

Matthew 26:30
Ephesians 5:19-20

Classical composer Franz Joseph Haydn said that if a composition did not progress, he would "try to find out if I have erred in some way or other, thereby forfeiting grace; and I pray for mercy until I feel that I am forgiven." Based on this quote, consider the spiritual context in which his compositions were written. What can we learn?

For any of his compositions, how would Bach value his own ability against the value of Christ's inspiration?

Think about cultures that do not have their roots in Western Europe and do not have a musical heritage as discussed in this chapter. Can you detect a distinct difference in the style of their cultural music? Other than the significance of Christ's role in the music of our Western culture, how do you explain the difference?

Literature

"And I suppose that if all the other things Jesus did were written down, the whole world could not contain the books." – John

John 21:25
John 1:1
Hebrews 1:1, 2

While He walked the earth and interacted with people, Jesus often quoted Scripture (his favorite book was Deuteronomy). Why do you think Jesus placed such a strong emphasis on knowing scripture?

Can you think of any great authors writing today who are inspired by Jesus?

Pretend you are a great author for a moment. What kind of book could you write that would communicate your beliefs about Jesus?

Architecture

"Then what do the Scriptures mean? 'The stone rejected by the builders has now become the cornerstone.'" – Jesus

Luke 20:17
Psalms 118:22

What architectural elements would you include if you were hired to design a building to reflect God's attributes?

Consider the differences of design among a Christian cathedral, a Muslim mosque, and a Buddhist temple. Why are the architectural styles of these buildings so different?

Do your surroundings affect you? Does the style of your home and your work environment impact your mood and attitudes?

If you are inside a building while contemplating spiritual issues, which type of architectural style might help you focus on your thoughts?

Drama

"Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using parables. This fulfilled the prophecy that said, "I will speak to you in parables. I will explain mysteries hidden since the creation of the world." - Matthew

Matthew 13:34-35

Matthew 6:1-18

The early church presentations of the events surrounding Christ's birth and crucifixion and resurrection were referred to as "mystery plays." During the Renaissance, the plays depicting the events of Easter week became known as "passion plays." How do you explain these terms?

How many people have seen the movie "Passion of the Christ" by Mel Gibson? In what ways does that movie and others similar to it impact the culture? Consider movies like the Ten Commandments, Ben Hur, Prince of Egypt, Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat, etc.

Suppose you were given the assignment of warning people in a foreign country of a deadly virus that they could avoid by taking certain sanitary measures. How would you communicate your message if you did not speak the language and had no interpreter?

Can you identify the plot lines in any movie that deals with themes of redemption, love, reconciliation, or forgiveness?

Jesus used the word "hypocrite" often in his teaching to describe the actors that appeared in dramas of his day. Why did he use this term? Should we be familiar with the actors and movie roles of this day to better minister to our audience?

Lesson Five: Why Jesus Matters in Ethics and Morality

Truth

"The Sermon of the Mount does not provide humanity with a complete guide to personal, social, and economic problems. It sets forth spiritual attitudes, moral principles of universal validity, such as "Love your enemies," and it leaves... the admittedly difficult task of applying them in any given situation." - Robert J. McCracken

Matthew 5:44

Luke 6:27

John 18:37

John 14:6

What is the foundation for your personal values?

What is your basis for making moral decisions? How do you determine what is right and wrong?

Do you believe truths exist that apply to all of humanity? If so, how are such truths ascertained? If not, how can your answer be confirmed?

Morality

"And if you do good to only those who do good to you, is that so wonderful? Even sinners do that much!" - Jesus

Luke 6:33

Romans 2:14

There are four arguments for God's existence: (1) The God Idea Argument, (2) The Cause and Effect Argument, (3) The Intelligent Design Argument, and (4) The Moral Argument. Which is most appealing to you?

Why do you think the problem of evil bothers people so much? Why is it wrong to think that the presence of evil in our world negates the presence of a loving God?

Even if you were capable of keeping all of the Ten Commandments (**Exodus 20:1-17**), which no one in history except Jesus has been able to do, how do you deal with what Jesus said in **Matthew 5:27-28**?

Integrity

"I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you." – Jesus

John 13:15
John 19:4
Luke 23:4
John 13:15
Philippians 2:5
Ephesians 5:2
Matthew 5-7
Matthew 7:12

Who is the most moral person you know? Would it help you to use this person as a role model in making ethical decisions?

Think of the last time you had to make an ethical judgment call. Would it have helped to ask yourself what Jesus would have done in a similar situation?

Do you know enough about Jesus to be able to use him as a role model for building integrity in your life?

Compassion

"He (Jesus) does not merely feel compassion, an emotion that can come and go and is dependent on outside forces; he is Compassion." - Thomas Cahill

Matthew 5:4, 6, 10
Luke 10:25-37
Matthew 25:35, 36
Acts 4:34
Acts 6:13

Why is pity never the same as compassion?

Read the story of the Good Samaritan (**Luke 10:25-37**). Why is this such a powerful parable? Have you ever had an opportunity to be a Good Samaritan? What happened? Has a Good Samaritan ever helped you? How did that make you feel?

What can you do to get better at showing compassion to others?

Charity

"This is charity, to do all, all that we can." – John Donne

I John 4:8
I John 4:19
Matthew 23:37
John 15:13
John 14:12

Why is it so hard for people to love others unconditionally?

Give an example of someone who has laid down his or her life for another. What does that mean to you?

The blessing of charity is often greater for the one who gives than it is for the one who receives. Why do people have such a hard time being charitable?

Lesson Six: Why Jesus Matters in Personal Relationships

Friendship & Loyalty

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." – Jesus

John 13:34
Leviticus 19:18
Matthew 5:43-44
Matthew 19:19
Luke 10:27
John 15:12-13
Romans 12:9
Romans 12:10
Philippians 2:3
Philippians 2:3-4
Philippians 2:2
I John 3:18
I Corinthians 13:1-13

How do you define love? Where did you learn this definition?

If you asked Christ to critique the definition you just gave, what would he say?

Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." What does that mean to you?

What would the ramifications of your personal relationships be if love were displayed at only a low shallow level?

Family

"God places the lonely in families." – King David

Psalm 68:6
Luke 2:41-52
Exodus 20:12
John 11:1-44
John 3:3

Think about your own family. What qualities are unique to your family? What do you appreciate most about your family? Have you taken time lately to tell your family members how much you love them?

Imagine yourself in the place of Mary, Jesus' mother. What emotions must have been going through her mind as she watched her son die in such a horrible manner? How do you think she was affected by Jesus' words concerning her care?

Why do you think Jesus used the imagery of being born again to describe a spiritual relationship with God?

Leadership

"You know that in this world kings are tyrants, and officials lord it over the people beneath them. But among you it should be quite different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must become your slave." – Jesus

Matthew 20:25-27
Luke 22:24

Think about the leaders for whom you have worked in a job or a volunteer situation. What was their leadership style?

When you are in a leadership position, do your natural tendencies reveal a sense of self-importance or the attitude of a servant?

Is dictatorial leadership more or less effective than servant leadership? Why?

Submission

"For the proud will be humbled, but the humble will be honored." – Jesus

Luke 14:11
John 6:35
John 8:12
John 2:15-22
John 10:30
Philippians 2:6
Matthew 7:12
Ephesians 5:25
Ephesians 6:4
Ephesians 6:9
Ephesians 5:21

Why is it so astounding that Jesus came to submit himself rather than to rule? Do you think this prevents or helps people to see Jesus for who he really is?

In what area of your life do you have the most trouble submitting? How does Jesus help you deal with this issue?

Why is it always better to serve than to be served? If this is so, why doesn't serving come more naturally?

Love

"Jesus loves me this I know, For the Bible tells me so." – Children's Hymn

Ephesians 5:21

I John 4:8

Matthew 5:44

Mark 9:35

Matthew 22:37-39

Matthew 11:28

John 10:10

Romans 5:7

Romans 5:8-10

What is the most loving thing someone else has ever done for you? How did this act of love make you feel, and how did it change your relationship with that person?

What is the most loving thing you have ever done for someone else? How did your act of love make you feel, and how did it change your relationship with that person?

Jesus lived his life to show us how to love. Jesus gave his life so we would know how to love.

Jeremy Taylor said, "A religion without mystery must be a religion without God." How is this true? Why?

Lesson Seven: Why Jesus Matters in the Mysteries of Life

Faith

"Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ appeared in the flesh and was shown to be righteous by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and was announced to the nations. He was believed on in the world and was taken up into heaven." – Paul the Apostle

Matthew 11:28

John 10:10

I Timothy 3:16

John 14:7

Exodus 33:20

Hebrews 11:1

Why is it so easy for people to place their faith in the things they can see, while believing in things they can't see is difficult?

Can you think of a time when you believed in something or someone and were greatly disappointed? How did you feel?

Have you ever been disappointed with God? What did you do about it?

God

"And why worry about your clothes? Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't he more surely care for you?...So don't worry about having enough food or drink or clothing...Your heavenly Father...will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern." – Jesus

Matthew 6:28-33

I John 4:8

John 3:16

How do you define love?

In what ways is God's love different from human love?

Would your life be any different if your understanding of God's love was based solely on what you know about God from the Old Testament?

The Origin of Life

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." – Moses

Genesis 1:1
Exodus 3:14
Hebrews 11:3
Psalm 19:1-6

How does believing that God created the universe affect the way you live? How does believing that the universe came about on its own affect the way you live?

How important is your personal experience when it comes to believing that God created the universe? Does it have any bearing at all? Why or why not?

Do you think it's too much of a stretch to say, "If there's no Jesus, there's no God"? Could God exist without Jesus?

The Meaning of Life

"My purpose is to give life in all its fullness." – Jesus

John 10:10
Luke 10:25-28
Luke 10:29

What is the meaning of life for you?

Do you think that there is an overriding "meaning of life" for all people, or can it be different for each individual?

How is ultimate purpose affected by a spiritual dimension to life? Does the meaning of your life change if you add an "eternal" aspect that comes from faith in spiritual matters? Does your meaning change if you remove that element from your life?

Eternal Life

*"People soon become thirsty again after drinking this water. But the water I give them takes away thirst altogether. It becomes a perpetual spring within them, giving them eternal life."
– Jesus*

John 3:16-17

John 4:13-14

John 10:10

What will happen to you after you die? Will it be a matter of "game over," or will you continue to exist in a spiritual form?

How much time do you spend planning and thinking about a one-week vacation? How much time do you spend considering the ramifications of eternity?

If you take Jesus and his teachings out of the picture, would anything be left in your life to remind you to think about eternal consequences?

Lesson Eight: Why Jesus Matters to You

The Eternal Impact of One Extraordinary Life

"One day as Jesus was alone, praying, He came over to His disciples and asked them, "Who do people say I am?" "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other ancient prophets risen from the dead." Then He asked them, "Who do you say I am?" – Luke

Luke 9:18-20

John 5:24

John 12:44-45

John 11:25-26

What does Jesus really mean to you?

How long have you been a follower of Jesus?

What made you want to serve Jesus? What made you want to become a member of His kingdom, the church of Christ?

History

Does Jesus' role in history affect your faith?

Do you have to have historical evidence to solidify your faith? Explain.

Culture

Has Jesus' affect on our culture strengthened your faith?

If the teachings of Jesus did not transcend culture would you cease to follow Him?

Science

Does the miracles of Jesus confirm your faith? What if they were not recorded? Explain.

If the world declares His miracles to be nothing more than a grand illusion would you give up?

Arts

If Jesus' life had not impacted the arts would that affect your Christianity?

If could not find a Bible in any bookstore, see His images in art, watch movies about Him on the big screen, or listen to music that glorifies Him would you be without hope?

Ethics and Morality

What if Jesus had not declared morality in His teachings? What if His words made no impact on its hearers then or now? Would this bother you?

If Jesus was not recognized as the greatest moral leader of our time would you stop following Him? Would you stop teaching His word?

Personal Relationships

What if modern day psychologists, social workers, and family counselors could more accurately point you in the way of mending your interpersonal relationships? Would you stop listening to Jesus' advice and teachings?

What if Jesus had never taught on relationships? Would you ignore His teachings on other key issues in life?

Mysteries of Life

What if the Christian life was all a mystery? What would you do if you had never read the Word of God? How would that affect your faith?

What if there had never been a flood, a resurrection, or what if there is never a judgment day? Would these things affect your faith in God?

Conclusion

What does Jesus personally mean to you? Who will you tell about Him?

What are you going to do for Jesus?