

BASIC Christianity – Bible Outline

Week 1 – Jesus, Son of God

Class Introduction

Question: What do you think of when you heard the word Christianity?

Goal: learn real meaning by looking into the life, teachings, and claims of Christ. To understand Christianity, must understand person of Jesus Christ.

How: turn to his biographies, or the gospels. Original sources, eye-witness accounts. Not Baptist, basics according to what early sources teach.

Gospel: Mark, first written, clear and concise. Similar others, news story analogy.

Introduction

Read Mark 1:1. Gospel, good news, we need to hear – has to do with Christ

Question: What does it mean that Jesus is the Son of God? Means Jesus is a person of Authority, a King – with all the authority of God the Father.

Authority as Teacher – Mark 1:21-28

Taught with authority, not as Scribes and Pharisees. “I say to you” source of authority. Left people amazed, not from elite, where? God. Questions??

Authority over Evil Spirits (ibid)

Question: See other authority other than teaching? Performed miracles

Not fundamentally miracle worker, but miracles validate the message he came to preach. Response of demon: recognized that Jesus is the Holy One of God who had came to judge between good and evil. Questions?

Authority to Forgive Sins – Mark 2:1-12

Remarkable. What is sin? Attitude of rebellion against God in actions, words or thoughts. Only God forgives, right? Jesus claiming to be God and proves the claim w/action (see next point).

Authority over Sickness – Mark 2:1-12

43 reports like this in Scripture; meant to authenticate His message and divine appointment. How did He heal? By His word, effectual, power and authority. This (and other miracles) is the proof Jesus offers for his authority to forgive! Questions??

Authority over Nature and Death – Mark 4:35-41, 5:21-43

Jesus calms storm. Other accounts of control of nature: walking on water, feeding 5,000, water to wine. Jesus restores Jarius’ dead daughter. Other accounts such as Lazarus. Control of death and nature is further demonstration of his divine authority. Questions?

Authority over People – Mark 1:16-20

Call to follow him. As Son of God, He makes a claim over your life and mine. We may resist, but he calls us to submit to the authority of the Son of God.

Summary

Jesus demonstrates authority and divine nature many ways. Decide, who is Jesus? Lord, liar, or lunatic? No other options. 3 pillars to Christianity, 2 left, cross and resurrection. Read Mark 1-5. Questions?