

## Jesus, Son of God; John 20:30-31

- I. Life
  - a. We have the wrong understanding of life
    - i. We think it is the here and now – our everyday existence
    - ii. Sure, we live life now – but in Jesus, it is more abundantly (John 10:10)
    - iii. Before, we were living for ourselves, our selfish desires
  - b. John 20:30–31 (ESV) <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
  - c. The life we live is in Jesus
- II. Took our Sin
  - a. Signs – an event that is an indication or confirmation of intervention by transcendent powers, *miracle* <sup>1</sup>
  - b. John records Jesus' miracles which confirmed his claim as the Son of God, the Christ
    - i. The wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)
    - ii. Healing the official's son (John 4:46-54)
    - iii. Healing at the pool called Bethesda (John 5:1-9)
    - iv. Feeding 5000 men – probably closer to 10,000 people (John 6:1-15)
    - v. Jesus walks on water (John 6:16-21)
    - vi. The man born blind (John 9:1-7)
    - vii. Jesus resurrects Lazarus (John 11:38-44)
  - c. Even with these (and many more) miracles He performed, the leaders of Israel plotted His arrest and death
    - i. Matthew 26:1–5 (ESV) <sup>1</sup> When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” <sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup> and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup> But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”
    - ii. Jesus' plan was the same as the leaders, to get to the cross – but Jesus had a different timeline (John 13:21-30)
  - d. The greatest miracle written down for us is the resurrection of Jesus – it was so important that all Gospel writers cover it
    - i. Getting to the cross was difficult and full of pain, suffering, and sorrow
    - ii. Mark 14:60–64 (ESV) <sup>60</sup> And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>61</sup> But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” <sup>62</sup> And Jesus

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<sup>1</sup> William Arndt et al., [\*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature\*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 920.

said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." <sup>63</sup> And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup> You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death.

- iii. Jesus is taken to Pilate, but Pilate does not want to have him killed
- iv. Pilate even offers to release Him, but the crowd, stirred up by the chief, priests cried out for someone else and to crucify Jesus
- v. Mark 15:16–20 (ESV) <sup>16</sup> And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup> And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup> And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.
- vi. John 19:28–30 (ESV) <sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
- e. Jesus had to be the sacrifice. He had to shed His blood, to be the atoning sacrifice for humanity
- f. We must remember this was Jesus' plan, death by crucifixion so that He could take our sin

### III. Overcome

- a. Jesus' death made way for the resurrection!
  - i. Jesus' resurrection (John 20:1-10)
  - ii. Could you imagine the confusion within Jesus' disciples?
  - iii. Jesus told them several times that this would happen, they did not understand
  - iv. Hebrews 9:11–12 (ESV) <sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.
  - v. Hebrews 10:11–12 (ESV) <sup>11</sup> And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,
- b. The Cross was enough!
  - i. That is the beauty of God's love for us – Jesus' sacrifice was all that was needed, nothing else

- ii. Acts 4:12 (ESV) <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
- iii. Through the cross (Jesus) we are made heirs of God
- iv. Through the cross (Jesus) we have become children of God
- v. Philippians 2:5–11 (ESV) <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.