

Basic Misunderstandings

The One and Only (Week 4)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

Jesus + Nothing = Everything.

Key Scriptures

Jesus is the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.
Acts 4:11-12

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. Colossians 1:15-20

When we're captured and captivated by who Jesus is, we'll be empowered and equipped to resist the constant temptations to settle for less.
– Tullian Tchividjian

Jesus alone is:

- The King of Kings –
Revelation 19:16
- Our High Priest –
Hebrews 4:14
- Our Redeemer –
Galatians 3:13
- Our Mediator –
1 Timothy 2:5

Start talking.

- How do unchurched folks view Jesus?
- Why does current culture want us to believe Jesus is not enough?
- How are churches/Christians guilty of subtly communicating Jesus is not enough?

Start thinking.

- Read Acts 4:11-12. How is Jesus the "cornerstone"? Why would someone find this verse offensive?
- Read John 14:6. Was Jesus offering a way forward for all of us, or was He excluding others? Explain.
- Read Colossians 1:15-20. List the different ideas He is "all".
- Why did the Apostle Paul find it important to state all of this?

Start sharing.

- In what ways does Jesus hold all things together in your life?
- Read the quote from Tullian Tchividjian. Agree or disagree? Explain.
- Read the "Jesus alone is" list and look up the scripture references. Which of those connects most personally for you?

Start doing.

- In what situation do you need to cry, "Jesus I need you now!"?
- Take a card (possibly a 3x5 index card) and write out the following:
Jesus I need you now in _____! Place the card in a prominent place you will see daily and commit to recite it this week each time you are tempted to be caught up in the anxiety and stress of your situation.

Closing prayer.

Jesus I confess there is no hole I can dig or fall into that you are not deeper still. There is no mountaintop I can climb that you are not higher than. There is no amount of loss I can get, that you will not find me. There is no wave of fear, loneliness, anxiety, despair, or hopelessness that you cannot pull me from. Help me hear your voice when I am lost, hear your whisper of patience when I feel pressured, and hear your truth when I feel tired. Jesus help me cling to you and declare with power: JESUS IS MY ALL THROUGH IT ALL! Jesus I need you now, and always, amen.