

JESUS IS ENOUGH

Today's message is about how Jesus is God, and if you have Jesus, you have all that you need. If you have Jesus and you are homeless, you are well off. If you have Jesus and you are sick, you will be ok. If you have Jesus, and you are struggling, it will eventually be ok. And it's all because of this topic:

CHRISTOLOGY

Christology is the study of Jesus, looking at the very nature of, the person, and the very work of Jesus Christ.

Now obviously this could be a series in and of itself. But we are going to try today to share how Jesus is enough as we look at the theology behind it as well as the practical work He did and how it applies to us today.

So let's first make some claims and then see how the Bible backs it up.

Now, just because Jesus claims to be God, doesn't mean He is. After all, many people make the claim about Buddha, Mohammed, and so on...

But there are plenty of arguments to show that He is God. And I think if there is a chance He is, we should at least look at the implications of Jesus being the Son of God.

So let's start with the claims:

Christian Claims:

Jesus is the Son of God. He is God. **John 3:16**

Jesus has been all along, he wasn't created, he was since the beginning. **John 1:1**

Jesus paid the penalty of sins for all humanity by himself (Its called propitiation of sins) He went to the cross sinless and blameless and yet was beaten, crushed, killed, and took the penalty we owed, conquering death so that we can live in freedom, being reunited with God. **1 Peter 2:24**

You could also say he's our substitutionary atonement and that is the appeasement of God's Wrath: **Isaiah 53:5**

Jesus made us justified before God. **Romans 5:1**

Jesus is our only mediator before God. **1 Timothy 2:5**

Now thats a lot of claims about Christ and our beliefs in Christianity.

So lets back them up.

But first realize that faith isn't a blind leap in the dark, it is confident trust, built on a firm, historical, foundation.

Now maybe you think the Bible isn't accurate and its not a fair look at what it is, what happened etc... Welp....

Historical Writing Accuracy:

Writer: Happened: Recorded: Span Copies. Accuracy

Plato	427-34	900	1200 yrs	7	--
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Caesar	100-44	900	1000 yrs	10	--
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Aristotle	384-32	1100	1400 yrs	49	--
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Homer (Iliad)	900	400	500 yrs	643	95%
New Testament	1st Cent.	2nd Cent.	less than 100 years	5600	99.5%

And maybe you think, yeah these are made up stories of Jesus, he was never really alive and he's only found in the Bible.

- Cornelius Tacitus (c. 56–120 AD): A respected Roman historian, Tacitus mentioned "Christus" in his Annals when describing Emperor Nero's persecution of Christians. He confirmed that Christ was executed under the authority of Pontius Pilate in Judea—a foundational fact of the Gospel accounts.
- Flavius Josephus (c. 37–100 AD): This first-century Jewish historian refers to Jesus twice. In one passage, he describes Jesus as a "wise man" and a "doer of wonderful works," and he notes both His crucifixion under Pilate and the belief of His followers that He appeared to them alive on the third day.

But it's more than just the writings, what about archeological finds, I mean, is there any to say the Bible is accurate?

Merneptah Stele (1208 BC)

Egyptian pharaoh's victory inscription containing the oldest non-biblical reference to "Israel"

The Merneptah Stele is particularly significant as the earliest non-biblical reference to Israel as a people, dating to approximately 1208 BC — during the period of the Judges. It confirms that Israel was a recognized entity in Canaan at that time, aligning with the biblical timeline.

Hezekiah's Tunnel (701 BC)

Underground water tunnel in Jerusalem matching the account in 2 Kings 20:20 and 2 Chronicles 32:30

Tel Dan Inscription (~850 BC)

Aramean victory stele mentioning the "House of David" — first archaeological evidence for King David

The Tel Dan Inscription, discovered in 1993, silenced decades of skepticism. Critics had argued that [King David](#) was a mythical figure. The inscription, carved by an enemy of Israel, references the "House of David" — confirming that David's dynasty was a recognized historical reality.

Pilate Stone (1st century AD)

Inscription found at Caesarea Maritima naming "Pontius Pilatus, Prefect of Judaea" — confirms the Gospels

Cyrus Cylinder (539 BC)

Persian decree by Cyrus the Great allowing exiled peoples to return home — confirms Ezra 1:1-4

The Hittites deserve special mention. For decades, critics pointed to the Hittites — mentioned over 40 times in the Bible — as evidence of biblical error, since no independent evidence of their existence was known. Then in 1906, archaeologists discovered Hattusa, the massive Hittite capital in modern Turkey, revealing one of the great empires of the ancient world. The Bible had been right all along.

Caiaphas, the high priest who condemned Jesus, was long known only from the Gospels. In 1990, a beautifully decorated ossuary (bone box) was found in Jerusalem inscribed with the name "Yehosef bar Qayafa" — Joseph son of Caiaphas. This find brought the Gospel narrative vividly to life.

The Pool of Bethesda — Long considered mythical, this pool described in [John 5:2](#) was discovered in 1888 near the Church of St. Anne in Jerusalem, complete with the five porches John described.

Well, if the Bible is true and accurate in writings, if it is historically proven true through archeological finds, then what is said in the Bible, and could that all be true?

[Jhn 21:24](#) This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

And this is the Gospel writer John who is testifying to the things about Jesus.

So what are some of the things that happened?

From the first recorded to miracle of turning water into wine, to the resurrection from the Grave, there is a lot of things Jesus did that was witnessed by many.

Healing Miracles (20)

Healed a man with leprosy- Matt 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16

Healed the centurion's servant -Matt 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10

Healed Peter's mother-in-law - Matt 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39

Healed a paralyzed man-Matt 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26
Healed a woman with bleeding-Matt 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48
Healed two blind men-Matt 9:27-31
Healed a man's withered hand-Matt 12:9-13; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11
Healed a blind and mute man-Matt 12:22; Luke 11:14
Healed the Canaanite woman's daughter-Matt 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30
Healed a boy with a demon-Matt 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43
Healed blind Bartimaeus-Matt 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43
Healed a deaf man-Mark 7:31-37
Healed a blind man at Bethsaida-Mark 8:22-26
Healed a crippled woman-Luke 13:10-17
Healed a man with dropsy-Luke 14:1-6
Healed ten lepers-Luke 17:11-19
Restored Malchus's ear-Luke 22:50-51
Healed the official's son-John 4:46-54
Healed the man at Bethesda pool-John 5:1-15
Healed the man born blind- John 9:1-7

Nature Miracles (9)

Turned water into wine-John 2:1-11
Calmed the storm-Matt 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25
Fed 5,000 people-Matt 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15
Walked on water-Matt 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-21
Fed 4,000 people-Matt 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-10
Coin in the fish's mouth-Matt 17:24-27
Cursed the fig tree-Matt 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-25
Miraculous catch of fish-Luke 5:1-11
Second miraculous catch of fish-John 21:1-14

Resurrection Miracles (3)

Raised Jairus's daughter-Matt 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56
Raised the widow's son at Nain-Luke 7:11-17
Raised Lazarus from the dead-John 11:1-44

Deliverance Miracles (4)

Cast out demons into pigs-Matt 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39
Cast out a mute demon-Matt 9:32-34

Delivered a man in the synagogue-Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37

And then a throw back to last week with the Holy Spirit, Paul and Silas by the power of the Holy Spirit which was given to them.

Cast out a demon from a girl-Acts 16:16-18

So we got 20 healing miracles, 9 nature miracles, 3 resurrect the dead miracles, 4 deliverance miracles and then, possibly the greatest miracle: Jesus himself raised from the Grave.

And these are witnessed by many!

Lets First talk about Eye Witness Testimony. How many people are willing to die for something they don't believe in? Not many. Yet 12 disciples went to their graves, Peter crucified upside down, Stephen stoned, and others killed in different ways and yet they died for what Jesus preached. They died because of how deeply they believed it.

And Eyewitness accounts play a significant role in the Gospels.

- Diverse Witnesses — Eyewitness testimony includes followers and skeptics, Jesus' enemies and friends, all who reported seeing him alive after his crucifixion.
- Gospel Accounts — The Gospels of Luke and John emphasize the reliability of their narratives based on firsthand testimonies from Jesus' disciples.
- Historical Context — Eyewitness testimonies were recorded within a few decades of Jesus' life, enhancing their credibility.
- Paul's References — The Apostle Paul lists specific individuals who witnessed the resurrected Christ, further

corroborating the accounts. Once an enemy became one of his biggest witnesses.

But it wasn't just those close to Him, it wasn't just the 12 disciples... it was also others and its recorded in 1 Corinthians 15

1Co 15:1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,

1Co 15:2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

1Co 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

1Co 15:4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

1Co 15:5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1Co 15:6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

1Co 15:7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

1Co 15:8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

1Co 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

Jesus appeared to all of these people. And they could have been refuted in those times, after all, Paul says many of them are still alive. But there isn't refuted writings.

It says here, he appeared to Peter, to 500 people in a crowd, then to James, and also to Paul. That is 503 witnesses right there.

What does all this say. Well, to me it says The Bible is True. And if the Bible is True, Jesus is real. And if Jesus is real we have to ask did he do all the Bible says he did?...And if he did then it means we have a God who loves us, who cares enough, and died for us.

So what does it mean if Jesus is God?

If Jesus really is God, it means on Sunday we worship, but what does that mean for us on Monday morning, when life gets hard, when we're exhausted, when the world is pulling us in a thousand directions, and when we wonder whether we are enough?

And it's not easy to remember that all that Jesus gave is more than enough to make up for all that we wish we had in this earth.

And that's for all of us. I had a friend one time say to me:

Will says to me one morning, "Greg are you ok?" Yes Will I'm fine. "Are you sure you aren't sad? or mad?" No I'm fine. "Do you think you could tell that to your face then?"

Because when life gets heavy, sometimes it's hard to rely on Jesus and Jesus alone as our hope. As our source of love. As our source of provision.

Remember: my same friend Will said

“God’s love is to you, it is for you, but it is not conditional on you.”

And we remember that, but then life gets heavy. And Tim Keller says “Trials reveal your motivations in the faith: Am I serving God or do I want God to serve me?”

So If Jesus really is God, then everything changes.

If Jesus is God, then the One who created the universe knows my name.

If Jesus is God, then the One who has authority over sickness, storms, demons, and even death is the same God who tells you He loves you.

If Jesus is God, then the cross wasn't a tragic story about a good man who died. It was God Himself stepping into our brokenness, bearing our sin, and making a way for us to come home.

And if Jesus is God, then we have to ask ourselves a much more personal question.

What does it mean for me?

What does it mean when I'm not enough?

What does it mean when life gets heavy?

What does it mean when the world tells me to chase everything except Him?

What does it mean when I know what I believe, but I'm struggling to live like I believe it?

Because the point isn't simply to prove that Jesus is enough. The point is to discover what it means to live as though He really is.

Listen I've been there: I've believed the lies. I've trusted the world. I've sought answers in places I wasn't meant to find....

CHARLIE COMES UP:

So what does it mean that Jesus is enough?

It means that when the world tells you that you have to be more, do more, achieve more, and become more to be worth something, you can rest in the One who gave His life for you. That you have a God who's been there, done that, and is in your corner.

FIRST BUILD OF MUSIC:

It means that when life gets heavy, when the diagnosis comes, when the relationship falls apart, when the bills pile up, when you lie awake at night wondering how you're going to make it through tomorrow, you don't have to pretend that everything is okay.

SECOND BUILD OF MUSIC:

Sometimes the hardest battle isn't what is happening around us. It's what is happening inside us.

It's the whispers.

The whispers that tell you you're not enough.

The whispers that tell you God has forgotten you.

The whispers that tell you your past defines you, your failures disqualify you, your circumstances will defeat you, and your future is hopeless.

And if we're honest, sometimes those whispers get loud.

Sometimes they get so loud that we start living as though they're true.

THIRD BUILD OF MUSIC:

But church, that's why we have to come back to what we've been talking about today.

We have to remember who Jesus is AND what it means for us.

Because the same Jesus who healed the sick, calmed the storm, raised the dead, and walked out of the grave is the Jesus who invites you to trust Him today....and not just trust him with eternity, I mean trust him with everything, everyday, saying, its going to be ok because of who you are.

So I've written this song. Charlie has written this music. And together, we've made an anthem that takes the heartbreak we all face, the struggles we all face, and put them into a reminder song that His Grace is all we need, and that we have to turn to Jesus in everything....

DURING THE PLANNED BREAK IN THE CHORUS:

(I'll come up and share this)

Look I know I'm not the only one who's been there. I know I'm not the only one trying to figure out what it all means. So I've got a big ask for you today.

If you have had this kind of year. Where it is heavy. Where it feels broken, where you know you are wearing a mask and it needs to come off so you can truly heal and move forward...

Will you stand for a moment.

If you are standing will you sing this chorus with all your heart to the Lord. And if you are sitting, as we ask you to stand also, will you sing this as a prayer for those who are hurting.

Will you pray not for the situations all become perfect all of a sudden, but will you pray that the Lord will work in it all, bringing comfort, and joy, amidst the storms.

Lets pray and then we'll sing.

Lord we pray for each and every person going through different storms, Lord we pray that you will be the author and perfecter of Joy in the lives of all who are struggling. Lord will you create in us new hearts, a desire to go your way, a love for what you are doing, and will you show us that you are still living and acting in each persons storm.

God we pray that you are the God who will use these struggles and storms and make beauty from the ashes, you will take the struggles and create safety and comfort, and from the storms you will calm the seas. Lord do that in the lives of the people here.

Jesus we pray all this in your precious name, AMEN....

Lets all stand and sing the chorus one last time.

