

New Life International Fellowship
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“Loving Jesus More”

What’s the big deal about Jesus?

Crossing bridges—Growing in your relationship with Jesus (1 Peter 1:8-9)

I. What Jesus means to me

II. Reflection on Scripture

- A. What we can see in the person of Jesus
 - 1. In Jesus, we can see a visible form of the invisible God. (Colossians 1:15)
 - Jürgen Moltmann,
 - 2. Without Jesus, God is just an idea.
- B. What we can see in Jesus’s life and death
 - 1. Jesus provides an extraordinary example of service to God and to humanity. (Hebrews 12:3-4; Philippians 2:6-9).
 - 2. Jesus possessed great courage and strength to serve God’s purposes for his life. (Luke 24:42)
 - 3. Jesus was willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice, his life, in order to obey God’s will for his life. (Mark 10:45)
 - 4. God provided for the salvation of humanity through Jesus. (Titus 3:4-6)
 - 5. Jesus has a unique relationship to God and status in the history of humanity.
- C. What we can see through Jesus’s resurrection
 - 1. God lifts up those who look to him for life. (1 Peter 5:6)
 - 2. Fighting for what’s right is not a lost cause. (Galatians 6:9)
 - 3. Seeking to live by love is not a fool’s game. (1 Corinthians 13:8)
 - 4. Integrity is not a waste of effort. (Psalm 41:12)
 - 5. God does not abandon those who put their trust in him. (Hebrews 13:5)
 - 6. Jesus’s resurrection proves that God really does triumph over evil. There is justice. There is forgiveness. There is reward for doing good. There is eternal life.
- D. What we can experience by being “in Christ”
 - 1. Our greatest hope: Christ in us—A new way of living (Ephesians 4:22-24)
 - 2. A new way of thinking about yourself (Richard Rohr)

What’s your next step?