

EXPLAINING CHRISTIANITY – SESSION 2 NOTES

In the 1st sermon, we said **Christianity is all about Jesus Christ**. We considered **WHO Jesus is**. As the Son of God, Jesus has great authority, is God and Man in one and is the supreme King!

In this 2nd sermon, we consider **WHY Jesus came to earth?**

1. JESUS' DEATH: Please read Mark 8:27-31 & Mark 15:33-39

1.1 Darkness: supernatural event at noon! Darkness in the bible also symbolizes **judgement**.

Take a couple of minutes to discuss WHY & HOW God will judge this world.

Why would loving God Judge and not just forgive and he himself expect us to forgive our enemies.

1.2 Jesus' cry: v. 34 'Why have You abandoned Me?' At one level God had forsaken or abandoned His Son on the cross.

Why would God abandon His son instead of helping him carry this punishment for sin?

1.3 Curtain torn in two: v. 38 supernatural event! Through Jesus' death, we have **access to God**.
(good background reading: Heb 4:14-5:10 & Heb 7)

Why was the curtain in the temple? (barrier between us and God – 1 Pet 2:24)

What is the message Mark is bringing across to us about the torn curtain?

Ransom (Mark 10:45): pay a price to set someone free. Jesus paid the price (His own life) to set us free, save us from sin. But we need to accept God's forgiveness. We need to accept this by faith, by trusting in Jesus.

*** We are saved by God's grace alone, through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone!**

Have you put your faith in Jesus Christ?

NEXT WEEK - JESUS' RESURRECTION:

Not fiction but true facts! Multiple eyewitness accounts written for us.

Jesus predicted He would rise again on the third day after His death. (Mark 8:27-31)

At least 10 times, the risen Jesus appeared to His followers. (e.g. Luke 24:36-43, 1 Corinthians 15:6)

SUMMARY: Jesus' attitude to me on judgement day will be the same as my attitude is to Him now!

If I accept Him now, He will accept me then.

If I reject Him now, He will reject me then.

At home: Please read Mark chapters 16 FOR NEXT TIME. Note things you do not understand or would like to ask.

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