

Jesus Is Lord; Romans 1:1-5

I. The Faithful Witness

- A. John 14:8–11; 8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.
- B. John spends a lot of time in his Gospel trying to show us that we can see the Father through the Son (Jesus)
- C. Read chapters 5-8
- D. All we have to do is look at Jesus and we see the Father
- E. What follows are several ideas (6 total, 3 this week and 3 next week) about Jesus that show us the Father
- F. Jesus is the Faithful Witness

II. The Resurrected One

- A. Colossians 1:15–20; 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
- B. Jesus was not the first one ever to be resurrected
 - 1. The widow of Zarephath’s son (1 Kings 17:17–24). Jars of oil and flour that never were empty
 - 2. The Shunammite woman’s son (2 Kings 4:18–37)
 - 3. The man raised out of Elisha’s grave (2 Kings 13:20–21)
 - 4. The widow of Nain’s son (Luke 7:11–17)
 - 5. Jairus’ daughter (Luke 8:52–56)
 - 6. Lazarus of Bethany (John 11)
 - 7. These all occurred before the death of Jesus
 - 8. There were also many after His death
 - 9. But He was the first one ever to never die again
- C. His death and resurrection broke the bonds of death forever
 - 1. Romans 6:8–10; 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.
 - 2. Acts 2:22–24; 22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.
- D. Death also has no power over those of us who call on the name of Jesus

- E. 1 Corinthians 15:52–55; 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” 55 “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

F. Jesus is the Resurrected One

III. The Reigning One

- A. Revelation 19:6; Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
- B. Revelation 11:15; Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”
- C. Jesus reigns now!
 - 1. Not in some future event that happens a thousand years after He comes to claim His own
 - 2. Isaiah 9:6–7; 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
 - 3. Jeremiah 23:5–6; 5 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’
 - 4. Mark 9:1; And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”

D. Jesus is the Reigning One

IV. The Loving One

- A. Ephesians 3:14–19; 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
- B. To know the love of Christ is truly amazing
 - 1. To comprehend the breadth, length, height, and depth of the love of Christ
 - 2. To comprehend something that surpasses all knowledge
 - 3. We definitely understand the results of His love for us (salvation)
 - 4. But I don’t know that we truly understand what drove Him to be our sacrifice
 - 5. Psalm 144:3–4; 3 O Lord, what is man that you regard him, or the son of man that you think of him? 4 Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.

6. Do any of us have this same kind of regard (love) for anything we have created? I don't think so.
7. But it is exactly this kind of love that drove Jesus to the Cross
- C. 2 Corinthians 5:17–21; 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
 1. We (who have called on the name of the Lord) have transitioned from old to new
 2. We have been reconciled and now carry this reconciliation to others
 3. For Jesus, who was sinless, became sin for us
- D. Jesus is the Loving One
- V. Jesus is Lord
 - A. The Resurrected One
 - B. The Reigning One
 - C. The Loving One