



June 7 –Rev Hugh Barlett

John 3:14–18 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

God’s love sent Christ to the cross

Humility: Christ entered our world

Suffering: Christ shared life

Sacrifice: Christ died

Singularity: Christ’s death alone

Isaiah 53:6 ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray ; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Galatians 2:21 ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 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, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 2:2 ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

“The "cruciform" (cross-shaped) emphasis in evangelicalism is the foundational belief that the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross is the ultimate center of Christian theology, personal salvation, and daily lifestyle.”



Many wear bracelets that ask “what would Jesus do?” WWJD...the imitation of Christ is a wonderful commitment of Christ’s disciple. Why would evangelicals emphasize “What Jesus has done?” WJHD as a prelude and a foundation for Christian living?

Jesus is talking to Nicodemus a Jewish priest and leader. Jesus describes the new life- being born again- which comes from the Heaven by the Spirit...then He locates the source of this eternal life as coming from Jesus in His death. Can you explain what Christ’s death does for us in the passage?

How should the death of Christ be central to our faith? To our devotional life? To our dealing with suffering?

How does Christ’s death reveal the essence of love as “sacrificial” not sentimental?

How does Christ’s death actually save us? How does it sanctify us?



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Mark 2:1–12 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Christ forgives sins

Saving faith seeks Jesus

Divine Son of Man now near to our need

Forgiveness empowers our earthly life

While the crowds gather, Jesus teaches to them. How does Jesus teach us today? How is it important to make the message of the Gospel personally from Jesus to us?

What kind of friends did this paralytic have? How is a picture of our calling to friendship?

Those 4 were persistent? How is God stirring you to be persistent?

Christ’s forgiveness is the heart of God’s saving work. Why is it difficult to see this as our primary personal problem/need? Societal need?

What happens to our soul when we appreciate God’s forgiveness daily?



Jesus healing demonstrate His divine person and power. Notice that Jesus has authority to forgive sins “on earth”? Why is that significant?