

The Truth about Jesus According to John

Jesus Came to Rescue Dead People – John 11:25–26

Sermon Outline – May 27, 2018

Children’s Sermon: Is Jesus like Ice Cream or an Antidote?

- Ice Cream or Antidote ¹

John 5:24 (NLT)

“I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and trust in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.

- Is Jesus more like ice cream or an antidote?
- Does it matter if Jesus is telling the truth? How do you know you can trust him?

Jesus is Resurrection & Life!?

Notes:

Today’s Clear Biblical Bullet...

It is reasonable to trust Jesus. In fact, it is foolish not to.



What is Jesus Revealing?

John 11:4–6

But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. *It is for the glory of God*, so that *the Son of God may be glorified through it.*”

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶

So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

John 6:1–15 – Feeds the 5000

John 6:22–71 – I Am the Bread of Life

John 7:1–52 – Jesus at the Feast of Booths (Living Water/Spirit)

John 8:31–38 – The Truth Will Set You Free

John 8:48–59 – Before Abraham Was, I Am

John 9:1–41 – Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

John 10:1–21 – I Am the Good Shepherd

John 10:22–42 – I and the Father Are One

John 11:25–26 – *Jesus is the Resurrection & Life*

John 15:1–17 – I Am the True Vine

Who is Jesus? What is Here to Do?

¹ I got the essence of this illustration from Greg Koukl in his talk, “Truth Is Not Ice Cream, Faith Is Not Wishing” that is part of his Ambassadors Basics course.

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, *though he die*, yet shall he live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me *shall never die*. Do you believe this?”

He is the Creator & Came to Give Us Real Life:

- We are Mortal (Why do we die? Vine...Rejection)
- If you **come to Jesus**, you will have life after you die!
- As you continue to **trust Him** you will have life that never ends!

Is it Reasonable to Believe Him?

John 20:30–31

³⁰ Now **Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples**, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but ***these are written so that you may believe*** that **Jesus is the Christ**, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 11:40–44

[talking to Martha] ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “*Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?*” [Remember: **Jesus loved them**; v. 5] ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, ***that they may believe that you sent me.***” ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “**Lazarus, come out.**” ⁴⁴ *The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth.* Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Do not Misunderstand Faith/Trust

Mark 10:51–52 (e.g. The Blind Man who called out to Jesus)

⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵² And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; ***your faith has made you well.***” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Do not Miss the Sign (Beware Idolatry)

John 6:26–27

²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, ***not because you saw signs***, but because you ate

your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the **Son of Man** will give to you. For on him **God the Father** has *set his seal*.”

But Can We Even Trust the Bible? ²

We can confidently say that...

1. We have good translations of the biblical manuscripts. (multiple translations & original language copies)
2. Those biblical manuscripts are accurate copies of what was originally written. (Abundance of copies)
3. The books we're looking at in the Bible are indeed the right and best books to look at. (Early church counsels)
4. The authors of those documents really did intend to tell us accurately what happened. (Apostles – martyrs)
5. There is no good reason to think these authors were mistaken in what they saw and recorded. (Multiple witnesses, early recording)

The Real Gift: Jesus Died & Rose Back to Life to Rescue us from Our Mortality

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Jesus really does have the authority & the power to give us life that is really life.



Jesus' Forgiveness is Merciful (We Deserve to Die)
Jesus' Forgiveness is Right (He Died in Our Place)

Jesus has both the authority and the power to give everyone who comes to him **eternal life!**

- This is the **Truth** (This is not our favorite Ice Cream, this is the antidote to our mortality)
- We are Confident this is true because of the **Evidence** (This is not wishful thinking it is reasonably placed trust)
- **The Bible** is not just for Christians. It is the *written record* of what Jesus actually did to prove the truth of his claims.

² This list is a slightly edited version of the one written by Gilbert, Greg. Why Trust the Bible? (9Marks) (p. 22). Crossway. Kindle Edition.