

Why Look unto Jesus?

Slide 3. [Heb 12:1-2 KJV] 1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 **Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Slide 4. [Isa 45:22 KJV] 22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I [am] God, and **[there is] none else.**

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Slide 5. [2Ti 3:1-5 KJV] 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Slide 6. [2Pe 3:10-13 KJV] 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 [Seeing] then [that] all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Reason 1: Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Slide 7. [Jhn 14:6 KJV] 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Jesus is the Way -the only Way. (Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22)

Slide 8. [Isa 40:3 KJV] 3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

[Act 9:2 KJV] 2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

[Act 22:4 KJV] 4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

Slide 9. [Act 24:12-14, 22 KJV] 12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city: 13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me. 14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: ... 22 And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of [that] way, he

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deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

Early Jewish Christians referred to themselves as "The Way" (ἡ ὁδός), probably coming from Isaiah 40:3, "prepare the way of the LORD". Other Jews also called them "the Nazarenes".

Jesus is the Truth – the one and only standard for Truth

Slide 10. [Pro 14:12 KJV] 12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.

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Slide 11. [Jhn 1:14, 17 KJV] 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. ... 17 For the law was given by Moses, [but] grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Slide 12. Key to Understanding. [Dan 9:13 KJV] 13 As [it is] written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, **that we might turn from our iniquities**, and understand thy truth.

[Jhn 4:23 KJV] 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

[Jhn 8:32 KJV] 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Slide 13. [Jhn 17:17 KJV] 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Jesus Gives us Life – abundant life

Slide 14. [Psa 145:14-21 KJV] 14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all [those that be] bowed down. 15 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. 16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. 17 The LORD [is] righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. 18 The LORD [is] nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. 19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. 20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy. 21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Slide 15. If you have lost your way. [Isa 55:7 KJV] 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Slide 16. [Jhn 10:10 KJV] 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.

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[2Pe 1:11 KJV] 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Reason 2: We can do nothing for God without Him.

Slide 17. [Jhn 15:5 KJV] 5 I am the vine, ye [are] the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Reason 3. Only Jesus can give us eternal life. We cannot save ourselves.

Slide 18. [Jhn 6:27 KJV] 27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

How: Believe Jesus came from the Father and He took our punishment and rose from the dead conquering death. **Slide 19.** [Jhn 6:26-28 KJV] 26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. 27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. 28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

[Jhn 6:41, 43-44 KJV] 41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. ... 43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. **44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

Slide 20. [Jhn 8:31-32 KJV] 31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

Slide 21. [Jhn 8:51 KJV] 51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.**

Slide 22. [Mat 19:16, 20-22 KJV] 16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? ... 20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? 21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go [and] sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come [and] follow me. 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

Study the Scriptures

Slide 23. [Jhn 5:39 KJV] 39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Slide 24. [2Ti 2:15 KJV] 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.