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There is no one like the precious Saviour. The Lord Jesus Christ is unique.

His teaching was unique, “[Taught with authority and not as the Scribes](#)”(Mark 1:22)

His miracles were unique – He turned water to wine (John 2), He raised a man who had been dead for four days (John 11), He cured a man born blind (John 9).

He could ask His critics, “[Which of you convinceth me of sin?](#)”(John 8:46). No other man could ask this question for all others have sinned. Pilate could say of Jesus “[I find no fault in this man](#)”(Luke 23:4). The thief could say “[This man has done nothing amiss](#)”(Luke 23:41). This makes Him stand out as one that we need to do something about.

Christ Himself could make claims to prove His uniqueness. He made 7 claims saying “I am”. The is not time to look at all of them at this point but they all occur in John's Gospel and could be found at a later reading.

Each of the claims contains a statement of what He is, a condition that needs to be met and a promise that can be claimed.

The statements were not just true while He was here but are just as true tonight. What Jesus said applies to Him as God. God used the title “I am” about Himself in the Old Testament when He spoke to Moses.(Exodus 3)

“[Before Abraham was I am](#)”(John 8:58) - The Lord Jesus claimed to be Divine, He claimed to be God. When they looked at the Lord Jesus they looked at God.

As creatures of time, we have a past and an uncertain future. We can't talk about the present for as soon as we speak it is in the past.

Jesus claimed to be God and offered things only God can supply. It is wonderful things the Lord Jesus has to offer.

The claims of Christ are exclusive, they exclude all others. He is the sole and only source of satisfaction and illumination. He is the sole and only means of salvation. He is the one worthy of your trust.

“[I am the bread of life, He that cometh to me shall never hunger and He that believeth on me shall never thirst](#)” (John 6:35)

Jesus had already proved His ability to meet their physical needs as He had fed the 5000 men beside women and children. He fed and satisfied and ended up with more than He started with.

“Ye seek me not because ye saw the miracles but because ye did eat of the loaves and were filled”(John 6:26). The people imagined no poverty and no need with Him as their leader.

“Labour not for the meat which perisheth”(John 6:27)- Don't spend your time, energy and efforts on things for this life. Don't seek satisfaction in the things this world can offer. If we haven't got Jesus Christ as our Saviour there is something missing – A hole only God can fill.

“Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.” (Isaiah 55:1,2)

Jesus could say “whosoever believeth on me”(John 12:46) There is no difference for age or status. The Lord Jesus satisfies the deepest longings of the soul. It is something God alone can give. It is something you have to want.

“I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (John 8:12)

Light dispels the darkness. Darkness can't stay when light is here. In the light things are known as they are. It dispels fear and gives direction.

“God is light and in Him is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5) – This tells us of the holiness and purity of God.

“Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil and canst not look on iniquity” (Hab 1:13)

“The Lord looketh on the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7) - God sees us as we really are.

“This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil”(John 3:19)

The Bible is clear on what we are:

“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God”(Romans 3:23)

To want to come into the light is to acknowledge we are sinners in God's sight. It is to expose ourselves to the searchlight of the Almighty. Nothing we can give can gain us God's favour.

“Walk in the light as He is in the light then we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7)

“Delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear

Son”(Col 1:13)

Where would you rather be?

It may be funny to watch a game of blind man's buff, but it is tragic to think that is how men are groping around in darkness, seeking for the truth.

“I am the door by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved” (John 10:9)

A door is the means of entry and safety. You need a door to get in and it can keep others out. He is the only means of entry. “I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me”(John 14:6)

“Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free”(John 8:32)

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed”(John 8:36)

You can only go to heaven through Christ.

“None other name under heaven, given among men whereby ye must be saved”(Acts 4:12)

The Lord Jesus uses the picture of the shepherd and the sheep. The shepherd himself is the door. Once you are saved, you cannot be lost. “My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me” (John 10:27) “No man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand” (John 10:29)

No one else can give salvation with absolute surety.

How is it possible to know life?

“I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep” (John 10:11)

Because He died I can have eternal life. No one else could do what He has done. The Lord Jesus died that we might be forgiven.

He did not stay dead – He was dead but is alive forevermore. He will speak and all the graves will empty – Some to life and others to judgment. Which group are you in?

“Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out” (John 6:37)

It demands a reaction. What will it be? What is your position?