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Readings: John 1v1-4,v10,v12-14,v29

John 4v42

Acts 17v30-31

2 Peter 3v3-7,v9-13

The gospel message comes from three strands: creation, revelation and incarnation. This messages seeks to say something about each one. The gospel message is also about a unique man. One who made the world (John 1:3), One who was in the world(John 1:10), One who loved the world (John 3:16), One who will judge the world righteously(Acts 17:31), One who is the Saviour of the world(John 4:42).

Creation

The man who made the world “[Without Him was not anything made](#)”(John 1:3) “[Creation declares His eternal power and Godhead](#)”(Rom 1:20). We can see the wonder of God in creation, He calls the stars by name and men have found billions, not counting those yet undiscovered.

There is an echo of Genesis 1:1, “[In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth](#)” and “[breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul](#)” (Gen 2:7)

This earth is the platform that God is interested in. Men are associated with the earth, “[Of the earth, earthy](#)” (1 Cor 15:47) yet, in Genesis 3 an enemy came into the world, The wicked one, “[The prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in Me](#)” (John 14:30). The whole world lieth in wicked one (1 John 5:19). We are his creation and are therefore responsible to God himself.

Adam was tested and fell (Rom 5:12). Due to this, “[All have sinned and come short of the glory of God](#)” (Rom 3:23). The devil sought to also tempt the second man “[The Lord from heaven](#)” (1 Cor 15:47). He was tempted for forty days in the wilderness. He was dependent on His God, “[man shall not live by bread alone](#)” (Matt 4:4). Where Adam fell, Jesus could not be tempted. The Lord Jesus came out “[full of the Holy Spirit](#)” (Luke 4:1). He was tested sin apart (Heb 4:15).

“[Fear God and keep His commandments](#)” (Eccl 12:13)

In Colossians 1:15, He is the “[firstborn of all creation](#)” - He made everything.

Revelation

God has not left us in the dark but has revealed His purpose. He has left us His word yet, in 2 Pet. 3 His word is being tested. “[Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away](#)” (Matt 24:35). When Jesus was tempted He could say “[It is written](#)” and then quote scripture Matt 4:1-10).

The world has got the Big bang at the wrong end of the scale, “The elements shall melt with a fervent heat” (2 Peter 3:12). “The world that then was” - before the flood (2 Peter 3:6).

“God has spoken in times past by the prophets”(Heb 1:1)

Incarnation

God “became flesh and dwelt among us” displaying His presence and final manifestation.

“Spoken in Son”(Heb 1:1-4)

“When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son” (Gal 4:4)

“Great is the mystery of Godliness, God manifest in flesh” (1 Tim 3:16#0)

“No man has seen God at any time, the Only begotten Son who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him” (John 1:18)

Who better was there to display the love of God than the Lord Jesus Christ. “Jesus beholding him, loved him” (Mark 10:21)

“the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge” (Eph 3:19). He loved each one of us individually and sent His Son to die for sinners like you and I (Gal 2:20). All true believers can say with apostle, “The Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me”

“Not for our sins only but for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:2)

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? ” (Mark 8:36). Great value needs to be placed on the soul.

“Bore our sins in His body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24)

“Unto all and upon them that believe” - Emphasis needs to be placed on the need to believe.

He is the only Saviour. As God He could not die, but the man that died was God.

“Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest” (Mat 11:28). The Bible offers you salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

God has appointed the day when His Son will judge at the Great White Throne. “Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire” (Rev 20:15).

God has not come yet for He is longsuffering “[God cannot lie](#)” (Tit 1:2).

How sad it would be to hear those words “[I never knew you: depart from me](#)” (Matt 7:23).