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Every message should have Christ at its centre. The Lord Jesus is the Word. When He was here, He expressed the heart and mind of God. He revealed God. We are not born naturally children of God. Those who trust in Him, by believing and through faith in Jesus Christ, become the children of God.

We are responsible:- The disciples willingly received the Lord Jesus into their ship.

Will there be someone who will willingly receive Christ into our hearts and lives tonight? He is the answer to all our problems.

All things were made by Him. He was in the world and the world was made by Him but the world received Him not.

It should be a constant marvel to us that the Lord came to this world. His human life began in Bethlehem - A small insignificant place, a lowly place.

John 16 - "I came down from heaven"

He did not come to do His own will but the will of God who sent Him. (John 4:34). He stepped from the throne of glory and stooped down to earth, "He became obedient unto death even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8)

The Lord spent most of His life in Nazareth. A dirty sinful place. He must have grieved over the sin in this area. In the darkness of Nazareth is where His great light shone.

He was rejected by men, His own nation did not believe in Him neither did His own family.

The answer to mans sin and ruin was the Lord Jesus Christ - "The Lamb of God which beareth away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)

If you've never known your sins forgiven you need to look to the cross to the one who bore the sins of the world. There was no other good enough to unlock the gates of heaven. Ask yourself the question, How can I help but love Him when He loved me so?

He was unknown in the world His hands had made.

"God of this age blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel shine in" (2 Corinthians 4:4). The devil doesn't want anybody to be saved. The world didn't understand Him. Their minds were blinded to Him. They rejected Him. "we will not have this man to reign over us".

There were other people who did believe Him and on His name because God will have all men everywhere to repent (2 Peter 3:9). Once you've found Him it will be the greatest discovery of your life. You have to make confession of all your sin in life and that will bring peace, rest and fulfillment. You may not be interested in Christ Jesus but He is interested in you.

"this same Jesus" - He is unchanged

"Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sin" (Acts 13:38). There is nothing greater than

all the world than to be a child of God. As children of God we have true liberty, because whom the Son sets free shall be free indeed (John 8:36). Becoming a Christian is becoming obedient to God and the Lord Jesus Christ. He is willing to receive us and welcome us with a fathers love but we have a responsibility to receive Him.

Do you know in your heart that your life is not right but you don't have the strength. You need Christ Jesus because the root of most problems is sin. He can save you from your sins.

Turn to Christ Jesus, turn to the Saviour.