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• 30 And when Philip had run up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this:

#### Acts 8:30-35

- "He was led as a sheep to slaughter;
- And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
- So He does not open His mouth.
- 33 "In humiliation His judgment was taken away;
- Who shall relate His generation?
- For His life is removed from the earth."

#### Acts 8:30-35

• 34 And the eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself, or of someone else?" 35 And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

- Why preach Jesus?
- Our reception or rejection of Jesus determines our eternal destiny
- Lost or saved Heaven or Hell
- Acts 4:8-12

#### Acts 4:8-12

• 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, 9 if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well,

#### Acts 4:8-12

• 10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead-- by this name this man stands here before you in good health.

#### Acts 4:8-12

• 11 "He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the very corner stone. 12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

- Why preach Jesus?
- Our reception or rejection of Jesus determines our eternal destiny
- Luke 19:10
- 10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

- Why preach Jesus?
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- John 20:30-31

### John 20:30-31

30 Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;
 31 but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

- Why preach Jesus?
- Because He is the only way we can have eternal salvation a home in heaven with God in eternity
- He is our example for living
- I Peter 2:21

#### **I Peter 2:21**

• 21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

- Jesus shows us how to trust God even in the worst possible conditions and situations
- I Peter 2:22-23

#### I Peter 2:22-23

 22 who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

- Jesus shows us that serving God, we put the good and wellbeing of others ahead of ourselves
- I Peter 2:24-25

#### I Peter 2:24-25

• 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. 25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

- Jesus shows us the value of prayer
- Mark 1:35
- 35 And in the early morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there.

- Jesus shows us the value of prayer
- Luke 6:12-13
- 12 And it was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. 13 And when day came, He called His disciples to Him; and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:

- Jesus shows us the value of prayer
- Mark 14:37-38
- 37 And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter,
  "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one
  hour? 38 "Keep watching and praying, that you may not
  come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is
  weak."

- It is the knowledge of Jesus that shows us how to be holy like God is holy
- II Peter 1:2-4

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• 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

#### II Peter 1:2-4

 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

- It is the knowledge of Jesus that shows us how to be holy like God is holy
- Knowing Jesus, we get rid of sin in our lives
- Ephesians 4:20-24

### Ephesians 4:20-24

20 But you did not learn Christ in this way, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, 22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

### Ephesians 4:20-24

• 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

- In knowing Jesus we learn humility
- Philippians 2:3-8

### Philippians 2:3-8

• 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

### Philippians 2:3-8

• 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

### Philippians 2:3-8

 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled <u>Himself</u> by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

- In knowing Jesus we learn obedience
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- In knowing Jesus we learn obedience
- Matthew 26:38-39

### Matthew 26:38-39

• 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me." 39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

- In knowing Jesus we learn obedience
- This kind of complete obedience shows our trust our faith in God
- I Peter 2:23

#### **I Peter 2:23**

 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

### **Hebrews 12:1-3**

• 1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

### **Hebrews 12:1-3**

• 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **Hebrews 12:1-3**

• 3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart.

- In knowing Jesus we learn obedience
- True obedience shows love
- John 14:21

### John 14:21

• 21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."

### I John 5:1-5

• 1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.

### I John 5:1-5

• 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith. 5 And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

- Do you know Jesus?
- Do you really believe that He is the Son of God?
- If you are not in Jesus today, come to Him and confess your faith in Him
- Turn from your sin in repentance
- Be baptized into Jesus Christ
- Live in Him and let Him live in you