



Finding Jesus

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Embracing the Complete Gospel of Jesus, the Christ.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“The Gospel of Jesus Christ,” or “the Gospel,” offers the only path to eternal salvation through the life of Jesus, His death, and His resurrection. There is no other way to “be saved.”

Most Protestant churches in America, especially Evangelicals, believe this is the only definition of the full Gospel. But is it, really?

When Paul, writing in his letters, introduced “Christ” using a single word to mean “the resurrected Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of Man, and the Son of God”; placing it alongside “Jesus,” or having it stand alone, He conflated all of Jesus’s titles into one name “Jesus Christ.”

With repetition over the millennia in scripture, sermons, teaching, song, and prayer these phrases, “the Gospel of Jesus Christ,” or “the Gospel,” became the only path to salvation overshadowing the message of Jesus’s ministry and teaching as recorded in the Gospels.

But what if both “Jesus” and “Christ” are two separate identities the same way God the Father, Jesus the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit are the Trinity?

My premise is that Jesus came among us with two missions: one to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth (the Gospel of Jesus) and the other to reclaim righteousness with God through His death and resurrection (the Gospel of the Christ). Together, these two missions combine into...

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The first of Jesus’s ministry was to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth as it is in Heaven. This is evident through the Gospels written by Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John. But this portion of His teachings never quite became “Gospel” in the subsequent teachings in early churches even to today, such was the power of the resurrection in the minds and hearts of the first witnesses, early church fathers, the Reformation and Protestant movement, to America, and today.

We all believe in the teachings of Jesus about the Kingdom of God on Earth, but the real question is do we just believe in how to live or do we actually follow, with our lives and actions, His teachings by embracing what they mean in our lives and the lives of those we touch. Raising this aspect of the ministry of Jesus to “Gospel” status begins by calling it by its proper name — The Gospel of Jesus.

The next, very big step, is teach followers to embrace the Gospel of Jesus by applying what Jesus said and did in our lives and the lives of all we touch. This is what this study guide endeavors to do. It is the core commandment Jesus gave as His last words in Matthew 28:18-20...

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.** And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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The best first step, then, is to differentiate the full Gospel into its two parts tied together by introducing a slight pause using a comma (,) after Jesus then adding **the** before Christ. It is this addition that elevates the Gospel of Jesus to equal status with the Gospel of the Christ.

Just by replacing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the **Gospel of Jesus, the Christ** we can begin to open minds to the complete Gospel.

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