The Demands of Jesus as Savior

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INTRODUCTION

- The people who encountered Jesus when he lived upon the earth didn't always understand who he was or what he came to do.
- Jesus didn't allow people to press him into their mold.

The Reality of Jesus as Savior

Matthew 1:21; Luke 19:10; Acts 5:31

- You shall call his name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins.
- The son of man came to seek and to save the lost.
- God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.
- The reason Jesus came into the world to begin with was to be a savior.

Something From Which People Need to Be Saved

Romans 3:23; Matthew 20:28; Hebrews 2:9

- One implication of the fact that Jesus is presented in the Bible as savior is that there is something from which people need to be saved.
- Sin is something from which people need to be saved. And since, as Paul says there, all have sinned, this need to be saved is a universal need.
- God provided an answer that is as universal as the problem.
- There's no reason for anybody to be left out of the salvation that Jesus came to provide other than by choice.

There Is Salvation in No One Else

Romans 3:12; John 14:6; Acts 4:12

- There are only two kinds of people in this world. There are those who are saved from their sins in Christ and those who remain in their sins apart from Christ.
- As the Apostle Paul said in Romans chapter 3 and verse 12, no one does good, not even one.
- I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.
- There is salvation in no one else. For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Salvation is found in Christ alone.

You Can't Separate Jesus the Savior From Jesus the Lord

Acts 16:31; Philippians 3:20; Acts 2:36

- You can't separate Jesus the savior on the one hand from Jesus the Lord on the other.

- Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household.
- I don't make Jesus Lord. It's just who he is.
- God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

What Does the Lord Demand?

Hebrews 5:9; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38

- Jesus is the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.
- Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.
- Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- The sum of your word is truth. And when you want to know the sum of something, you don't leave anything out.

Christ Demands a New Life

Romans 13:11; 1 Peter 2:2; Romans 6:4

- Salvation is nearer to us than when we first believed. It's coming but it's not here yet.
- Christ demands a new life, a life in which we grow and we develop into the people he wants us to be.
- Our old man has been put to death and we've been given a new life in Christ. Live like it.
- That's why Jesus came into the world. Not just to forgive us of our sins, but also to change who we are.

THE CHALLENGE

He will be our savior on his terms, not ours. And so, I want to ask you, have you done what he requires? If not, will you submit to Jesus the Lord in order to be saved from your sins today?

MY NOTES