

Jesus Is the Christ!

1. What Strategy and Tactics Does King Jesus Employ? (1-4)

2. How Do His Enemies Typically Respond? (5-9)

3. King Jesus Will Set the Whole World Right Again.

CONCLUSION: As the good news of Jesus continues to go out throughout all the world, we notice a pattern developing in both its proclamation and the resistance to it. The central message is that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. As Jews and Gentiles come into His Kingdom the kingdoms of this world fight back. But as His Word is opened, taught, and followed His Church grows. New converts like Jason are then willing to face hardship and sacrifice. What about you? Are you passionate and disciplined in your loyalty to Christ?

Luke 24: 13 – 35

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not **necessary** that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he **interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.**

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, “**The Lord has risen indeed**, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Jesus told us that the world hated Him and it would hate us too for His sake. We are called to love our neighbors even as they hate us. How do we do that? By God's grace His Word works in us to make us more and more like Christ. We are to follow the example of Paul, Silas, and Jason in faithfulness to Christ no matter the consequences.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday Morning

READ **Acts 17:1-9; Luke 24:13-35; First Thessalonians 1-2**. DISCUSS, What does it mean that Jesus is the Christ? How do the Scriptures show the necessity of Jesus suffering? If Jesus must suffer and rise, why are we surprised that we suffer? PRAY "Jesus, You are the Christ. Open our hearts to see You in the Scriptures and to show others too."

Sunday Evening

Young Adults Fellowship at **6:00** pm. *Please come to FCCW's Library!*

Monday

READ **Acts 17:1-9; Isaiah 53:1-12; Psalm 22:1-21**. DISCUSS, What did Jesus endure for us? Did this surprise Him? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 15:57-58**. PRAY, "Lord, You give us the incredible privilege of suffering with You. Help us to see this as a blessing and not a curse. Secure our hearts in Your resurrection"

Tuesday

READ **Acts 17:1-9; Genesis 22:1-14; Romans 8:32**. DISCUSS, God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son—the child of promise. Yet, God provided a ram as a substitute. How does this point to Jesus? Notice how God the Father did what He protected Abraham from. How does this give us confidence? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 15:57-58**. PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for giving Yourself for us. Thank You for rising again so that we too might live in You."

Wednesday

READ **Acts 17:1-9; Zechariah 13:7-9; 1Thessalonians 1:1-10.** DISCUSS, What is the role of suffering? How important is the resurrection of Jesus? Why? How was it working itself out in the lives of the Thessalonians? From what had they turned to God? From what are you turning? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 15:57-58.** PRAY, “Jesus, thank You for defeating us and all Your enemies on Easter. ”

Thursday

READ **Acts 17:1-9; 1Thessalonians 2:1-20.** DISCUSS, What did Paul/Silas share with the Thessalonians? What was at work in them (13)? Who hindered them? Will he be successful? In what do they share? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 15:57-58.** PRAY, “Lord, embolden us to speak and live Your truth.”

Friday

READ **Acts 16:25-40; Luke 24:13-35; 1Thessalonians 1-2.** DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 15:57-58.** PRAY for faithfulness at FCCW and revival throughout the area.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both live-stream & in-person services are available.*

READ **Acts 17:1-34; Romans 10:5-17.** Invite others to join you tomorrow for either the *live-stream or in-person service.* Ask Jesus to help us love our neighbors well.

First Corinthians 15: 57 – 58

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.