

SERMON GUIDES

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Creed: What Christians Believe and Why It Matters Week#2 – Jesus Christ

01.

INTRODUCTION

This week we continue to break down the Apostles Creed into small sections and explore each one a week at a time. This week's focus is what the Creed tells us about who Jesus is.

02.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read **Colossians 1:15-19**

1. As with last week's sermon, Pastor Gordon explained why we are doing this sermon series.
 - To gain a basic understanding of the Christian faith
 - To create unity
 - To have an anchor to our past
 - To help us better share our faith
2. Pastor Gordon discusses a poll about where many people were asked the question, "Do you believe in God". The percentage of people that said they do believe in God was 87%.
 - Do the results of this poll surprise you? Why or why not?
 - In what ways do you think the specific beliefs of "who Jesus is" would be for those same people that said they believe in God?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-8** where Paul provides instruction on Jesus's resurrection to the Corinthian church.
 - What reason does Paul give for holding firmly to the Gospel he preached?
 - Who and how many were witnesses to Jesus after the resurrection?
 - Why does Paul say that most of the witnesses were still alive?

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4. In **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**, Paul states that Christ died for our sins, was buried and on the third day he was raised from the dead.
 - What does holding firmly to this Gospel mean for you today? How does it help you stand strong in your faith?
 - Why do you think Paul called out the fact that Jesus dies for our sins is of prime importance?
5. Some people might say that if there was no resurrection that there would not be Christianity in the world today.
 - Do you believe this? Why or why not?
6. Reflecting on our readings today and the passages of the Apostles Creed, discuss the following.
 - How can you share the Gospel with others so that they can become believers in Jesus? Do you have any personal interactions with Jesus that you could share?
 - What key elements would you share with others when you tell them about Jesus's death and resurrection?
 - How would you describe the mission of Jesus?



NEXT STEPS

1. Who do you say Jesus is?
2. Read one of the Gospels this month.
 - Matthew – 28 Chapters
 - Mark – 16 Chapters
 - Luke – 24 Chapters
 - John – 21 Chapters
3. Memorize the Apostles Creed