



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Series- Surprise the World part 3

### Learning Jesus

*Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— 2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures 3 **regarding his Son**, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power[b] by his resurrection from the dead: **Jesus Christ our Lord.***

#### 1. Don't "preach the gospel"- tell them about Jesus.

- When in doubt- say Jesus (Scripture story)
- Romans 1:1. Paul a servant of the Gospel.
- The gospel; "regarding his Son."
- Acts 13:16-39 Paul preached Jesus so should we.
- 2 Tim2:8 Remember Jesus Christ....this is the gospel
- Tell people about Jesus- he is the gospel (Gospel Bites)

#### 2. Don't just focus on sin, focus on the Jesus' Kingship.

- Its interesting that Rom. 1 Acts 13 and 2 Tim 2. Focus on Jesus first before sin.
- Acts 13:38-39 reveals proclamation of Jesus as the Lord before an ultimately landing on how Jesus as the answer for our sin problem.

#### 3. Don't focus on church- focus on the Lord of the Church.

David Bosch- "At its heart, the gospel is the news about God's action and his reign, in Christ, not his institution."

- Focus on Jesus as Lord of the Church- not the church itself.

### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Romans 6:1-6. According to these verses who was Paul and what was the content of “his gospel?”
2. Read Romans 6:1-6. What aspects of Christ and his identity does Paul emphasize in these verses and what does that say about- what the gospel is?”
3. Read Acts 13: 16-39. What is Paul’s focus in these verses and what was the content of his gospel presentation?
4. Read 2 Tim. 2:8. What does this short verse reveal about the content of “Paul’s gospel?”

### **B. Meditation & application**

5. Why do you think Mike Frost is at pains to say- “Jesus is the gospel?” Do you agree with this emphasis and what does it say to you about what it means to “Preach the Gospel?”
6. What do you think about Mike’s proposal that Jesus and not sin should be the focus of our gospel? Why do you think that this is important to him? How could you talk and think about sin in a Jesus centred way?
7. What do you think about Mike’s proposal that Jesus and not the church should be the focus of the gospel? Why do you think that this is important to him? How do you think about a focus on “the church,” become a distraction in a gospel presentation?
8. The stories of the life of Jesus in the bible are “gospels.” What does this say about what the content of the gospel should be? What place have the gospels in your Christian discipleship? How could you prepare yourself to be a “gospel centered believer?”

Dear heavenly Father- Thank you for sending your Son Jesus. Thankyou that through faith in him we see God- know God and experience salvation. Help us to be saturated with Jesus- his life, his death and his resurrection. Help us to become students of his- and may we marinate our lives and our hearts in the stories of Jesus so that when people question the way we live- we will have Gospel bites ready at hand and point people not just to a solution for a sin problem- not just to the church- but toward Christ the Son- the substance of the gospel. In his Name and for his glory we pray- in Jesus name, Amen.