

Hi I'm David Emmert and I want to welcome you to Celebration. We're back in studio for our new sermon series, "Inspired." Over the next 5 weeks, we'll examine closely the words of Jesus Christ: What he said about himself, what he says about us, what it means to follow him and what eternity is really all about. So why are we doing this in studio? Well you may not realize it, but when we have a service on TV it has to be prerecorded. **##WHAT! IT'S NOT LIVE!##**

No it's not live! By law we have to add closed captioning and that takes a little time. So normally when you see us on TV, you're seeing a sermon from a previous week. But for the next few weeks we want our live audience, our online audience and those of you watching on TV to all be on the same page, learning together. So we're videoing a special studio edition of this sermon for TV so the messages here can air at the same time as our other services.

Why are we doing this? Today we're launching something called Inspired Conversations. It's a small group study on the teachings of Jesus that we'll be learning about during this sermon series, and we want you to join in along with our friends who are live or live streaming. Most of us are going through the pandemic with a small group of family and friends. I call them your bubble. When you're with your bubble, you don't wear a mask, your kids are playing together and so on. It's this little island of normal in an otherwise different world.

We want you to invite your bubble to join in with us for this series. Get your bubble together, watch the sermon on Sunday or any time throughout the week, then go to our website or church app and click on the inspired link. You'll find a companion study for this sermon that will help you and your bubble group spend some of your time doing something far more important than watching Netflix together! You can study the words of Jesus. I hope you'll join in. Let's pray and begin today by learning what Jesus said about himself. **PRAY.**

I don't remember a moment in my lifetime where I didn't know about the reality of Jesus Christ. I grew up in a Christian home. My parents were rock solid in their faith and they took me to church every single Sunday! Fever of 101? **##NO PROBLEM!## I WAS GOING TO CHURCH! BECAUSE MY DAD WAS A DOCTOR— HE'D GIVE ME A SHOT OF PENICILLIN AND OFF WE WENT! NO EXCUSES!##**

A lot of you were like me. You grew up always hearing about Jesus in your home. But — and this is key — even if you didn't grow up hearing about Jesus in your home, you have been living with the influence of Jesus Christ your entire life.

It's an undeniable fact. And it's just crazy because there is no reason Jesus should still have any influence on our lives today. Think about it: He lived nearly 2000 years ago in a tiny rural province in a small country. He wasn't born to royalty or wealth. By any metric of human longevity, Jesus' life was short — most scholars say, he lived about 33 years. When Jesus died, there was no reason to assume his influence would persist. He was one of tens of thousands of petty criminals put to death on a cross in the Roman Empire. So after his death, Jesus should have been quickly forgotten.

Even when an influential person dies, the memories of their accomplishments fades pretty quickly. My dad was a small-town doctor who did it all. He was one of the last of the old country doctors who would **DELIVER YOUR BABY AND THEN TAKE OUT YOUR GALLBLADDER!**

Dad was a really good doctor. He was totally committed to serving the people of the small town where I grew up. I remember him frequently walking by my bedroom door on his way to making house calls at 3:00 in the morning! On top of it all, he and another doctor built a hospital in that

town that continues to this day. Over the years there were literally hundreds of people in that rural county who owed their lives to my dad. On the day of his funeral the church was packed to overflowing. People were standing outside the church. As a small boy, I remember the motorcade that went to the cemetery stretched far out of sight. You would think that my dad's impact would last and last. But that's not true.

About a year or so ago I traveled to my hometown. I went into the hospital he helped start. It's owned by a large hospital network now. In one of the hallways, I found an 8x10 photo of my Dad on the wall and that's it. His influence has faded away in the lifetime of his son. Let's face it, by the time my generation dies off, nobody will remember who he was. That's not a complaint on my part. That's reality.

Contrast that with Jesus. When Jesus died, his influence didn't fade — it exploded! Jesus' impact was greater a hundred years after his death than during his life; it was greater still after five hundred years; after a thousand years his legacy laid the foundation for much of Europe; after two thousand years he has more followers in more places than ever. There is no question that throughout history, more people have followed Jesus Christ than any other person who has ever lived.

His influence is felt in our everyday lives in ways both large and small. You can't look at a map without seeing Jesus' influence. A few hours from here is the oldest city in America. It was founded in 1565. Do you know the city I'm talking about? Let me give you a couple of seconds to guess. Did you guess St. Augustine? THAT'S IT!

What does that have to do with Jesus? The oldest city in America is named after Augustin, one of the greatest Christian theologians in history. The first city in America was named after a man who dedicated his life to the study of Jesus.

Keep looking at a map of Florida and you'll find St Lucie county and Santa Rosa county. Both named after great followers of Jesus Christ.

It's not just Florida. In TX there's the city of Corpus Christie, which means, "the body of Christ." What about Sacramento, CA? It's named after the sacrament of the lord's supper. You can repeat this exercise in every state in America and every country in Europe and in countries in South America and Africa and Australia and New Zealand. Around the world, cities are named after those who were in love with Jesus.

But it's more than just the map. You can't look at a calendar without seeing Jesus' influence. Roman emperors would date events according to the year of their reign. The calendar revolved around them. For example, when Luke announces the beginning of the ministry of John the Baptist, who announced the coming of Jesus, this is the method that he used:

LK 3:1–2 1 IN THE FIFTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF TIBERIUS CAESAR, WHILE PONTIUS PILATE WAS GOVERNOR OF JUDEA, HEROD WAS TETRARCH OF GALILEE, HIS BROTHER PHILIP TETRARCH OF THE REGION OF ITUREA AND TRACHONITIS, AND LYSANIAS TETRARCH OF ABILENE, 2 DURING THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF ANNAS AND CAIAPHAS, GOD'S WORD CAME TO JOHN THE SON OF ZECHARIAH IN THE WILDERNESS.

Wow! That's a lot of work just to tell you what day it is!

But with the coming of Jesus, all of that changed. Jesus rose from complete obscurity to being the dividing point for all of human history. Suddenly the calendar didn't revolve around the

reigning emperor or some other leader. The terms BC and AD hinge around the coming of Jesus. You and I are living in the year 2020, that's two thousand twenty years after the coming of Jesus.

This leaves a mark on every one of us here. I was born one thousand nine hundred and sixty three years after the coming of Jesus. I can't even talk about who I am or when I was born without thinking about Jesus. Neither can you.

Speaking of birthdays, Jesus' birthday — the biggest event in history. In 2019 the average American spent \$942 on Christmas gifts. That adds up to more than 1 trillion dollars in Christmas spending! When Jesus was alive, he had no place to lay his head. He traveled around and lived off of the hospitality of others. He had virtually no material possessions, yet here in America we spent a trillion dollars on gifts to commemorate the birth of the king of kings of lords and lords.

You may be thinking, A lot of those people buying gifts for Christmas don't know Jesus. Some of them want to remove the name of Jesus from the entire season and just call it a winter holiday. That's one of the most remarkable things about Jesus. Even people who don't believe in Him still contend with his irrepressible influence! Just listen to the way someone who doesn't believe in Jesus talks. People who don't believe anything will say things like, Thank you Jesus! When things go well, or Help me Jesus! when things are going badly or they'll swear using Jesus' name when they're angry. His name is seen as so powerful, that people swear both by it and against it.

But Jesus' influence transcends the things we say, the names of our towns or the dates and holidays on our calendar. Jesus has redefined our understanding of compassion and caring the world over. The church of Jesus Christ was the first movement in human history that invites everyone, everywhere to be loved and included. It was a movement that reached beyond race or geography or language. Everyone was welcome to follow Jesus. That had never happened before. And the implications are mind blowing.

Because of Jesus, children were elevated from an annoyance to a treasure. Prior to Jesus if a child was of the wrong gender or had a birth defect they were discarded; they'd be left outside to die of exposure or they'd be drowned at birth. Jesus changed all of that, he loved children and invited them to hang out with him. Because of the compassion of Jesus, the church quickly modeled his behavior. The world's first orphanages sprang up in the church.

Jesus also sought out the sick and healed them. Think of how he changed the lives of those who had leprosy or who couldn't walk. It was only natural that his followers imitated Jesus. Some of the first hospitals were launched by the church. The church triggered a global movement to care for the sick. In 1863 the international Red Cross was born out of this movement and today it mobilizes 93 million volunteers around the world to model the kind of caring and compassion Jesus demonstrated.

Not only was Jesus compassionate, He challenged believers to love God with all of their mind. As church leaders sought to take up this challenge from Jesus, they launched schools and universities. Some of the greatest schools in the world like Cambridge and Harvard were started to pursue the study of God. In fact, the first 123 colleges and universities founded in the United States were started by the church of Jesus Christ.

All of us are given the opportunity to influence others, but let's face it, that influence will die with our generation. A truly great person might be followed a generation or two beyond that. But no one other than Jesus can claim that 20 centuries after their death, their name is still known around the world, their followers are still found in every nation.

The church of Jesus Christ is still expanding and still changing lives. It has withstood the ups and downs of history and revolution. It has withstood systematic efforts to end it in places like China and the former Soviet Union. It has withstood rampant secularism and humanism in the western world. Yet the gospel is still declared in spite of the most unbearable intolerance toward it in countries around the globe.

Jesus was an unlikely person to change the world. He had no power, title, position. He never wrote a book, he didn't travel much. His followers were unschooled, ordinary men. Now 2000 years later, he is repeatedly referred to as most influential man of the last twenty centuries. All of this leads us to ask, WHO DOES THIS JESUS GUY THINK HE IS?

Since his birth, death and resurrection, more words have been written about Jesus than any other person or event in human history, but the most important words ever spoken about Jesus would have to be the words spoken by Jesus himself.

Jesus talked about his own identity a lot and the claims that Jesus makes about his own identity are absolutely mind blowing. If you or I made even a few of these claims for ourselves, people would think of us as an out of control narcissist or try to have us committed for a mental evaluation. Yet when Jesus spoke about himself, he inspired millions and millions to follow him.

Why is this true? Because when Jesus spoke about himself, he did so with a level of divine authority that you and I cannot replicate.

By some counts, Jesus made more than 170 claims about himself. These claims are just over the top. They're claims that wouldn't make sense at all if anyone else made them, but they make sense coming from Jesus.

So here's what we're going to do. We're going to look at just 3 of these claims. To make our job a little easier, I've narrowed it down to claims Jesus made about himself that are found in the book of John. So open your bibles to the book of John and let's dig in to these incredible claims that Jesus made about himself.

Let's start with one of his most audacious claims first. Jesus claimed to be the son of God, one with the father, and God himself. He refers to himself 12 times as the almighty! He wasn't shy about claiming divine authority.

Take a look at JOHN 10:30, Jesus says, THE FATHER AND I ARE ONE. Here, Jesus is claiming to be God. The Jews knew it. Look at the next verse! JOHN 10:31 AGAIN THE JEWS PICKED UP ROCKS TO STONE HIM. They were stunned that Jesus would claim to equate himself with God and they were ready to kill him for it!

Here's another one: JOHN 8:58 Jesus said to them, "I ASSURE YOU: BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM." The term "I Am" was one of the names of God. Jesus is claiming to be the eternal God.

Jesus claims to have been sent by God the father directly. How about JOHN 6:46 NO ONE HAS SEEN THE FATHER EXCEPT THE ONE WHO IS FROM GOD; ONLY HE HAS SEEN THE

FATHER. Or JOHN 5:36 "BUT I HAVE A GREATER TESTIMONY THAN JOHN'S BECAUSE OF THE WORKS THAT THE FATHER HAS GIVEN ME TO ACCOMPLISH. THESE VERY WORKS I AM DOING TESTIFY ABOUT ME THAT THE FATHER HAS SENT ME.

Here's one more. This time, it's one of Jesus' disciples who declares that Jesus is God. You've probably heard the expression, Doubting Thomas, right! Thomas was one of Jesus' disciples who didn't believe He had risen from the grave. He finally gets to see Jesus fact to face. Here's what happens: JOHN 20:27-28 27 THEN HE SAID TO THOMAS, "PUT YOUR FINGER HERE AND OBSERVE MY HANDS. REACH OUT YOUR HAND AND PUT IT INTO MY SIDE. DON'T BE AN UNBELIEVER, BUT A BELIEVER." 28 THOMAS RESPONDED TO HIM, "MY LORD AND MY GOD!"

This one is important because Jesus doesn't argue with Thomas or tell him he's mistaken when he declares Jesus is God. Instead, Jesus celebrates Thomas' discovery.

So over and over again, Jesus makes it clear that he has both a unique relationship with the father and that in fact, he is God himself. He makes it clear that He was more than a good man, more than a brilliant teacher, more than a game changing philosopher. Jesus was fully man, fully God.

If Jesus was wrong about his claim of being sent from the father and indeed God in the flesh, then he was either out of his mind or he was lying to us.

As a nursing student, my son did a rotation through a mental health unit. He was told to do an assessment of a patient. As they talked, the patient claimed to be God. My son took careful notes, then reported to his supervisor. He told his supervisor that his patient claimed to be God. The doctor said, That's great! ##IT MEANS WE HAVE 2 GODS IN THE HOSPITAL TODAY!##

If Jesus was wrong, he was mentally ill and we shouldn't follow him. What if Jesus wasn't delusional, what if he was just lying? If Jesus was lying, then he's just a deceiver and a con artist. You should always be on the look out for con artists and scammers. A while back, I got an email. Here's what it said:

DEAR FUND BENEFICIARY, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT ALL YOUR CONTRACT FILES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO MY DESK THIS MORNING FOR YOUR TRANSFER, AND ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR YOUR TRANSFER OF \$387 MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN TRYING TO RECEIVE FOR A VERY LONG TIME WITH CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA, I AM THE NEW PAYING FOREIGN DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA AND ALL THE NECESSARY WORK HAS BEEN DONE FOR YOUR TRANSFER. ALL YOU NEED IS TO RECONFIRM YOUR DETAILS IMMEDIATELY. SIGNED DR. SANI AHMED, PAYMENT DIRECTOR, CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA!

##WOW! HOW ABOUT THAT! I'M WORTH 387 MILLION DOLLARS! SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE WANTS TO GIVE ME ALL THIS MONEY AND THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW MY FULL NAME!##

I don't know about you, but that looks like a scam to me! I don't think anyone is really trying to send me 387 million dollars! They're promising me something huge, but you and I both know it's a scam.

If Jesus is lying about being god's son, he's no better than the guy who sent me this email. We shouldn't follow him. We should send his word to our spam folder.

The only thing that makes sense, the only reason Jesus is still so prominently on the radar 2000 years after he was on this earth, is because what he said is true. He really is the son of God, indeed, God himself.

Let's look at another claim. Jesus not only claimed to be God, he also claimed to be the savior of the world.

THE OTHER DAY I WAS LOOKING AROUND ONLINE AND I CAME ACROSS THIS T SHIRT. IT'S GOT ALL THE SUPERHEROES ON IT AND JESUS IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THEM AND JESUS SAYS, "AND THAT'S HOW I SAVED THE WORLD." ## I LOVED IT!##

Because the truth is, Jesus is the only one in history who can make that kind of claim. Jesus claimed he was on a mission to save people from the desperation and devastation that sin brings to you and me.

One time Jesus is traveling through a town in the region of Samaria and he strikes up a conversation with a woman who has a lousy reputation in the community. This woman had made some terrible decisions and she was paying for it. She was the outcast. She was the person nobody wanted to associate with and it was legitimately on her. She'd trashed her own reputation.

But Jesus cares deeply for this woman who has wrecked her own life. As they talk, it's only natural that their conversation turns to spiritual things. It turns out that the woman was longing for relief from her sin. [JN 4:25] THE WOMAN SAID TO HIM, "I KNOW THAT MESSIAH IS COMING" (WHO IS CALLED CHRIST). "WHEN HE COMES, HE WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO US."

What is this woman talking about? The term 'Messiah' was a term taken from the OT, It means, "the lord's anointed." Now originally, it could describe a king or prophet, but by the time of Jesus, the term had come to refer to a unique leader who would one day appear and usher in an entirely new era of history and save Israel. So this woman, who has ruined her own life through her sin latches on to the idea that one day a savior would come and she's just living for that day.

Jesus gets it. He hears the desperation in her voice. [JN 4:26] "I AM HE," JESUS TOLD HER, "THE ONE SPEAKING TO YOU." Jesus hears the cry of this woman's heart and he tells her the savior you're hoping for is standing in front of you. I am the one promised throughout biblical history who has come to save the world from sin.

The woman is excited! She's overwhelmed with joy. She runs back to town and invites everyone to come and meet Jesus. JN 4:39-42 TELLS US ABOUT IT: 39 NOW MANY SAMARITANS FROM THAT TOWN BELIEVED IN HIM BECAUSE OF WHAT THE WOMAN SAID WHEN SHE TESTIFIED, "HE TOLD ME EVERYTHING I EVER DID." 40 THEREFORE, WHEN THE SAMARITANS CAME TO HIM, THEY ASKED HIM TO STAY WITH THEM, AND HE STAYED THERE TWO DAYS. 41 MANY MORE BELIEVED BECAUSE OF WHAT HE SAID. 42 AND THEY TOLD THE WOMAN, "WE NO LONGER BELIEVE BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID, FOR WE HAVE HEARD FOR OURSELVES AND KNOW THAT THIS REALLY IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD."

This is just one example of Jesus making this claim to be the savior of the world. It's a claim he makes over and over again:

JOHN 6:40 FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF MY FATHER: THAT EVERYONE WHO SEES THE SON AND BELIEVES IN HIM MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE, AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP ON THE LAST DAY."

JOHN 8:51 I ASSURE YOU: IF ANYONE KEEPS MY WORD, HE WILL NEVER SEE DEATH—EVER!"

JOHN 11:25–26 JESUS SAID TO HER, “I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, EVEN IF HE DIES, WILL LIVE. 26 EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE—EVER. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?”

JOHN 14:6 JESUS TOLD HIM, “I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.

JOHN 17:3 THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE: THAT THEY MAY KNOW YOU, THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND THE ONE YOU HAVE SENT —JESUS CHRIST.

That’s a lot! Jesus repeatedly promises to restore to what has been to humanity because of our sin and folly.

Go back to the very beginning of humanity and you see that God created people to be in a close, intimate relationship with him and with one another. But over the centuries, one generation after another has blown that relationship up. We’ve rejected God and have chosen to go our own way. God’s response to that was sending Jesus.

Jesus is saying, I’m the one who can restore what was lost. I’m the one, the only one who can save the world. Not just the Jewish people, but everyone, everywhere.

Jesus is saying, if you want an eternity with God, if you want peace with him, it isn’t through meditation. It isn’t through mysticism, it isn’t found by looking inward into your own mind or self. It’s found in Christ alone.

Not only did Jesus claim to be the savior of the world, making a way for us into eternity, he also claimed to be lord over our day to day lives.

This claim, like all the others, is just outrageous if it isn’t true. Because according to Jesus, we are to live for him the way a servant lives for a master.

It’s really tough for us as a bunch of independent minded Americans to wrap our brain around that kind of lifestyle! But that’s exactly what Jesus means when he says [JN 12:25–26] THE ONE WHO LOVES HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, AND THE ONE WHO HATES HIS LIFE IN THIS WORLD WILL KEEP IT FOR ETERNAL LIFE. ²⁶ IF ANYONE SERVES ME, HE MUST FOLLOW ME. WHERE I AM, THERE MY SERVANT ALSO WILL BE. IF ANYONE SERVES ME, THE FATHER WILL HONOR HIM.

Or again in JN 14:15 “IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDS. Or what about JN 14:23–24 JESUS ANSWERED, “IF ANYONE LOVES ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD. MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME TO HIM AND MAKE OUR HOME WITH HIM. ²⁴ THE ONE WHO DOESN’T LOVE ME WILL NOT KEEP MY WORDS. THE WORD THAT YOU HEAR IS NOT MINE BUT IS FROM THE FATHER WHO SENT ME. One more, JN 8:31–32 SO JESUS SAID TO THE JEWS WHO HAD BELIEVED HIM, “IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD, YOU REALLY ARE MY DISCIPLES. ³² YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.”

So if you claim to be a Christ Follower, you’re embracing Jesus’ claim to be your Lord. It means Jesus is the ruler, the boss, the master of your whole life.

When you think about the whole life of a person, think about all the pieces that play a part in that. Paul wrote, 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23 NOW MAY THE GOD OF PEACE HIMSELF

SANCTIFY YOU COMPLETELY. AND MAY YOUR SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY BE KEPT SOUND AND BLAMELESS FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Here's the take away, when we say Jesus is our lord, we're expected to yielded our whole person, Spirit, soul and body over to His control. That means the inner, secret part of who we are belongs to Jesus. The outer, visible part, that belongs to Jesus too. So the way I think, the way I speak, the way I dress, the way I interact with other people, all of it is to be submitted to my Lord, Jesus.

Most of us would prefer to pick and choose. We like to have control over our own thoughts or we like to have control over our own bodies, but none it is our own. According to Jesus, it all belongs to him. He is our Lord. Jesus has bought and paid for us at the price of his own blood which he shed on the cross. Jesus is our lord because we invite him to be and because he deserves to be.

Those are some bold claims! I can't imagine making even one claim like that much less even all 3. And if I did make one of those claims, you all would be right if you had me committed! But Jesus makes them and for centuries, people have believed his claims are true because that's what they are, they're true.

I think for a lot of people, they go to church or they think of themselves as Christians but they don't really know who they say they are following. It results in a powerless, frustrating belief system that doesn't really mean a lot.

But if you really understand who Jesus is based on who he claimed to be for himself, your life can be very different. Because those claims are true, they have a real impact on how we should live. If Jesus is who he says he is, it makes all the sense in the world that I follow his will and ways when I'm making a decision. It makes all the sense in the world that I honor him day to day. It makes all the sense in the world that I worship him with great passion. And these are all the kinds of things we're going to talk about in just a couple of weeks when we start learning about what Jesus says it means to follow him. Because if Jesus is who he claims to be, he's worthy of following.

I want to leave you with one more claim of Jesus. Jesus claims to love you very much. In fact, his claim to love you is his most famous claim of all. Here it is in JOHN 3:15-17 . . . **EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. 16 "FOR GOD LOVED THE WORLD IN THIS WAY: HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. 17 FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD THAT HE MIGHT CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM.**

What does Jesus say to you in this claim? He says that he didn't come to earth to condemn you. It may be that everyone around you is condemning you, it may be that you're condemning yourself, but not Jesus. Jesus didn't come to earth to condemn you. In fact, Jesus came to this earth on a mission to save you through his great love for you. And Jesus sees you in your weakness and he sees you in your sin and in your folly and in spite of it all, with a complete understanding of who you are, Jesus extends his love to you. And he invites you to believe all that he has claimed to be. He invites you to believe that he is the one and only son of God, the savior of the world, your lord and mine and that even now, he is preparing a place in eternity for you. And Jesus wants you to respond to his invitation. He wants you to believe in Him and take up the gift of eternal life that he alone claims to be able to provide you.

And now I want us to pray and I want to invite you to accept Christ based on his claims today.
PRAY.