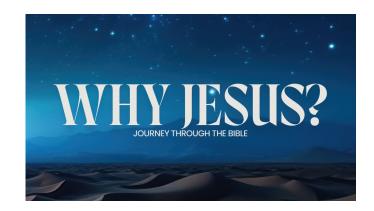
Why Jesus?

Pastor Lucas Ashley Sunday, December 3, 2023



INTRODUCTION

As Christmas Day approaches we hear the familiar sounds of Christmas songs on the radio, see the twinkle of lights strung upon houses and trees, and our minds run through everything on our "to-do" list that we need to finish before that big day. While there is so much good to experience in this season we must always fight to remember the focus of the Christmas Season....the gift of Jesus Christ to the world.

With Christmas in mind, as we preach through December we ask the question; "Why Jesus?". Why is Jesus the focus of this season? Why is Jesus the answer to so many of our questions? Why should we choose Jesus as our personal savior? What is the beauty and power that is available to each of us through the gift of Jesus? As we celebrate this season we look to understand "Why Jesus" is the reason for the season and the greatest gift the world has ever been given.

REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

Take a moment to read 2 Corinthians 3:16-4:6.

One of the answers to our question "Why Jesus" comes through a revelation of what Jesus brings to everyone who chooses to believe in Him.

Through Jesus Our Eyes Are Opened
We Are Able To Experience What God Has Given
A Life of Freedom And Transformation

Take some time to reflect on each of the thoughts in this statement and how you've seen them in your personal life.

2. How have you experienced freedom through a relationship with Jesus?
• Freedom in what?
• Freedom from what?
3. How have you experienced transformation through a relationship with Jesus?
MEMORY VERSE
But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.
2 Corinthians 3:16-18

1. How has Jesus opened your eyes to the following?

• Who he is?

• Who you are?

• How you need him?