

Truths Worth Sharing Reference Sheet

God has appointed Jesus the ultimate authority in the universe until the end of time (Matthew 28:18; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:19-23). He is:

- Christ, Messiah or King (Acts 2:36, 42; 8:5, 12; 17:3, 7; 18:5; Mark 1:1). Both Christ and Messiah literally mean “anointed one” and refer especially to a king (see 1 Samuel 10:1; 15:17; 16:13)
- Lord (Acts 2:36; 10:36; Romans 10:8-9; 2 Corinthians 4:5; Philippians 2:9-11)
- Son of God (Acts 9:20; 2 Corinthians 1:19; Mark 1:1; Matthew 16:16)
- Exalted to God’s right hand (Acts 2:33; 5:31; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 7:26; also Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 1:3)
- God glorified him (Acts 3:13; 1 Peter 1:21)
- Savior (Luke 2:10-11; John 4:42; Acts 5:31; 13:23, 32; Titus 3:3-7)
- Judge (Acts 10:42; 17:31; 24:25; Romans 2:16)
- Leader or Prince (Acts 5:31)
- Prophet to whom we must listen (Acts 3:22-23)
- Capstone (most important stone)(Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:1-7; Mark 12:1-12)

The signs, wonders, and miracles Jesus did in his ministry showed by deeds that he was the ultimate authority (Matthew 12:25-28; Acts 2:22; 10:38)

Jesus’ death was initiated by people who did not recognize who he really was (Acts 4:11; 13:27). His shameful death made it seem like he wasn’t anyone special (1 Corinthians 1:22-25). In fact, however, the death of Jesus was...

- Part of God’s plan (Acts 2:23; 4:27-28)
- A fulfillment of Scriptures that said he would have to suffer (Luke 24:25-27, 44-48; Acts 3:15-18; 13:27; 17:2-3)
- A sacrifice for our sins (Mark 10:45; Romans 3:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Hebrews 7:27; 9:15, 26; 10:8-14; 1 John 2:2; 4:10)

When God raised Jesus from the dead...

- He was seen by many eye-witnesses (Acts 2:32; 3:15; 5:32; 10:39, 41; 13:31; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7)
- It showed that he was more powerful than death, Satan’s strongest weapon (Hebrews 2:9, 14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:26; 2 Timothy 1:10)
- It showed that he is the Son of God (and all the other titles mentioned at the top of this sheet)(Romans 1:1-4; 10:8-9; Acts 17:31)
- We have a strong basis for hope that we too will be raised from the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Colossians 1:5; Titus 1:2; 2:13; 3:7)

What God did in Jesus is good news because...

- Our King is merciful and will forgive us and save us from sin and judgment (Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:10-11; Acts 2:38-39; 3:19; 4:12; 5:31; 10:43; 13:26, 38-39; 16:31; 20:24; 1 Thessalonians 1:10).
- We now have a good King to lead us (Matthew 2:1-6; 4:23; Mark 1:1, 14-15; Luke 2:10-11; 4:43; 8:1) (Remember, the kingdom of God is the kingship and rule of God; that in itself is good news for us)
- He will turn us away from worthless things (Acts 3:16:14:15)
- Our King has faced our Enemy for us and can deliver us from his power (Matthew 12:24-29; John 12:30-31; 1 John 5:18)
- Our King welcomes anyone who will submit to him (Matthew 11:5; Luke 4:18-19; 7:22; Acts 10:34-35; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31).
- God will come live inside us through the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38-39; 5:32; Romans 5:5; 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Galatians 4:6).
- He gives us peace (Acts 10:36; Romans 5:1; Colossians 1:19-20)

To submit to Christ, become a part of God's Kingdom, and receive his blessings, we must respond to him:

- Humble ourselves (Matthew 11:25-27; 18:1-5)
- Give him our utmost loyalty and devotion (Matthew 6:24; 13:44-46)
- Believe in Jesus as the ultimate authority (John 8:24; Acts 10:43; 13:38-39; 16:31; Romans 10:9-10; Galatians 2:16; Philippians 3:8-9)
- Repent (change our hearts and lives) and turn back to God (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30; 20:21; 26:20; cf. Mark 1:14-15; Luke 24:47)
- Embrace and confess Jesus as our Lord (Romans 10:9-10; 10:13)
- Be baptized (immersed in water) with faith in Jesus (John 3:1-8; Acts 2:36-41; 8:26-38; 10:47-48; 22:16; Colossians 2:11-12)
- Submit to our new Lord in our hearts, words, and deeds (Luke 6:46)

Jesus is the only way to God (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)

There will be a day of judgment for everyone (Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 17:31; Romans 2:1-16; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 9:27; 1 Peter 4:17)

It is not yet God's will to destroy all evil (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

If you feel like you are so bad that God could never forgive you (Mark 3:28; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:15-16)

If you feel like you could never measure up (Mark 10:17-18; 1 John 1:8-10).

Believing in him is a choice (John 7:17; 12:37; Acts 14:2; 19:9; 28:24)

How could a good God send people to hell? He doesn't answer to us. His judgment will be just (Acts 17:31; Romans 2:5; 2 Timothy 4:8). How come no one ever asks, How can a just God allow bad people to go to heaven?