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**JESUS IS** 

- THIS IS NOT NICODEMUS' SALVATION STORY
- IT ONLY POINTS OUT HIS UNBELIEF AND CONFUSION
- WHY DON'T PEOPLE EASILY COMPREHEND THE GOSPEL?
- BECAUSE UNBELIEF CAUSES
   CONFUSION

<sup>16</sup>"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. <sup>17</sup>FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT IN ORDER THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM. <sup>18</sup> WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM IS NOT CONDEMNED, BUT WHOEVER DOES NOT BELIEVE IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, BECAUSE HE HAS NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY SON OF GOD.

<sup>19</sup> AND THIS IS THE JUDGMENT: THE LIGHT HAS COME INTO THE WORLD, AND PEOPLE LOVED THE DARKNESS RATHER THAN THE LIGHT BECAUSE THEIR WORKS WERE EVIL. <sup>20</sup> FOR **EVERYONE WHO DOES WICKED THINGS** HATES THE LIGHT AND DOES NOT COME TO THE LIGHT, LEST HIS WORKS SHOULD BE EXPOSED. <sup>21</sup>BUT WHOEVER DOES WHAT IS TRUE COMES TO THE LIGHT, SO THAT IT MAY BE CLEARLY SEEN THATHIS WORKS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN GOD."

- GOD: IT ALL STARTS, ENDS WITH, AND BOILS DOWN TO GOD
- LOVE: GOD'S LOVE

**JESUS IS** 

- WHAT ARE WE TRADING IN "THE GREAT EXCHANGE"?
- JUDGMENT, GUILT, SHAME, PAIN, POISONED HEARTS

FOR...LIFE, UNITY WITH CHRIST, LOVE OF GOD

WHATEVER YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD, KNOW THAT HE LOVES YOU!

**JESUS IS** 

- WORLD: THIS IS THE VAST HUMANITY OF SINNERS
- IF YOU'RE A SINNER, YOU QUALIFY!
- GOOD RELIGIOUS PEOPLE CAN'T BE SAVED
- CHRIST CAME TO SAVE THE WORLD (SHOCKING!)
  SON: GOD'S SON WHO IS GOD
  WE SHOULD WALK AWAY WITH THE PRECIOUSNESS OF THIS GIFT

JESUS IS...LOVE, LIGHT & LIFE JOHN 3:16-21 **ROMANS 8:32** (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION) <sup>32</sup> HE WHO DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON BUT GAVE HIM UP FOR US ALL, HOW WILL HE NOT ALSO WITH HIM GRACIOUSLY GIVE **US ALL THINGS?** 



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- WHOEVER: THIS IS GOD'S DESIGN FOR SALVATION WITHIN HIS SOVEREIGNTY
- BELIEF IS VITAL TO SALVATION
- "I COME TO THE DOOR OF SALVATION & SEE WRITTEN OVER IT, 'WHOSOEVER WILL MAY COME'.
  I ENTER THE DOOR & LOOK ABOVE IT & IT SAYS, 'CHOSEN IN CHRIST BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD'". -DWIGHT L MOODY

**JESUS IS** 

- PERISH: VS18 ~ CONDEMNED = REMAINING IN UNBELIEF & IGNORANCE & WITHOUT GOD FOREVER
- BEING UNDER GOD'S WRATH FOREVER
- ETERNAL LIFE: MORE THAN LIVING FOREVER
  - HEAVEN: UNITED TO CHRIST AND HIS LIFE

• KNOW, UNDERSTAND AND LOVE LIFE RIGHTLY

John 3:17 (English Standard Version) <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the World to condemn the world, but in Order that the world might be saved Through him.



- NICODEMUS IS BLOWN AWAY -MESSIAH WILL COME AND SAVE THE WORLD, NOT THE GOOD!!
- THIS SHOULD BLOW OUR MINDS
   TOO



JOHN 3:18 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION) <sup>18</sup> WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM IS NOT CONDEMNED, BUT WHOEVER DOES NOT BELIEVE IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, BECAUSE HE HAS NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY SON OF GOD.



- BELIEVE IS USED HERE 7 TIMES
- IT MEANS TO EMBRACE SOMETHING AS TRUE; TO TRUST A PERSON WILL BE WHAT THEY SAY THEY ARE
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**JESUS IS** 

• ALL OF THIS HINGES ON OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST

JOHN 3:19 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION) <sup>19</sup> AND THIS IS THE JUDGMENT: THE LIGHT HAS COME INTO THE WORLD, AND PEOPLE LOVED THE DARKNESS RATHER THAN THE LIGHT BECAUSE THEIR WORKS WERE EVIL.



**JESUS IS** 

- JESUS DIDN'T COME TO JUDGE; WHY?
- BECAUSE THE WORLD IS ALREADY UNDER JUDGMENT- HOW?
- WE DON'T BELIEVE, WE REJECT, WE DON'T UNDERSTAND

CHRIST DIDN'T COME TO A WORLD
 WHERE PEOPLE WERE UNDECIDED
 CHRIST CAME TO A PERISHING
 WORLD TO MAKE THE DEAD ALIVE,
 THE CONDEMNED JUSTIFIED

JOHN 3:20 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION) <sup>20</sup> FOR EVERYONE WHO DOES WICKED THINGS HATES THE LIGHT AND DOES NOT COME TO THE LIGHT, LEST HIS WORKS SHOULD BE EXPOSED.



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- THE LIGHT SHINES AND EITHER DRIVES YOU TO CHRIST OR FURTHER INTO DARKNESS
- THIS IS THE JUDGMENT; THAT YOUR UNBELIEF DRIVES YOU FURTHER AWAY FROM CHRIST

• OUR SLAVERY IS OF OUR OWN MAKING; IT'S MADE FROM WHAT WE LOVE AND HATE

JOHN 3:21 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION) <sup>21</sup>BUT WHOEVER DOES WHAT IS TRUE COMES TO THE LIGHT, SO THAT IT MAY BE CLEARLY SEEN THAT HIS WORKS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN GOD.''



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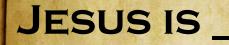
- "BEEN WROUGHT IN GOD"
- HE KNOWS THAT IT'S HIS DUTY TO RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE WITH GOOD WORKS AND SUBMISSION AND LOVE

 HE KNOWS THAT HIS GOOD WORKS COME BY GOD'S POWER AND
 CHRIST'S LIFE IN HIM

- NICODEMUS/LOST PERSON:
- LEAVE RELIGION, GOODNESS AND CONFUSION
- COME TO CHRIST, RUN FROM DARKNESS
- BELIEVE IN CHRIST, RESPOND WITH A CHANGED LIFE



- CHRIST FOLLOWER:
- COME FULLY TO THE LIGHT
- BE FULLY SUBMITTED TO THE GOOD WORKS GOD HAS FOR YOU
- LOVE THE LIGHT





Thursday, March 10th at 7 PM at the Villanueva's RSVP for childcare



## **Baptisms: Sunday, April 24**

Do you want to be baptized?

Join us for a mandatory meeting Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, after morning worship

## New Life Group Begins You're Invited!

Join us for a Cook-Out
Sunday, April 17, 5:30 pm
For info or questions write us at info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com



# Hearts & Hammers

April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> / 9-4PM

Help the Fort Bend Corps repair homes for families in despair

Sign up at the resource center