

The Greatest Person Who Ever Lived

Let us examine the Scriptures like the Bereans who "received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." Acts 17:11 (NIV)

March 28, 2004: "The Greatest Person Who Ever Lived" by Kimber Kauffman, Senior Pastor College Park Church. The focus of today's message was to clearly communicate that Jesus Christ was and still is the greatest person who ever lived, and who is alive today.

Pastor Kimber led us through many perspectives on Jesus being the greatest of all time. First off, His names. He is called the Alpha and Omega, Son of God, Redeemer, Messiah, the Christ, Lion of Judah, and many more.

Secondly, He has had the greatest influence. For example, there has never been a greater doctor (think of all the miracles, raising people from the dead). There has never been a greater physicist (walked on water, created food for thousands out of a few fish and loaves of bread). There has never been a greater philosopher and teacher (constantly baffled His opponents and followers were always amazed at His teachings). There has never been a greater friend (demonstrated grace and mercy while maintaining truth like no other). There has never been a greater leader (He served like no other and had followers like no other). And the list goes on. John 21:25, "*Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.*"

Thirdly, He was and still is loved and worshipped by His followers more than any other. John, the apostle, in Revelations (after 50+ years of following the Lord, falls at His feet in worship. Luke 19: 29+ explains the worship He receives as He enters Jerusalem. Paul, the apostle, refers to Jesus in all his writings with Phil 1 being one example (20+ references to Jesus's name). Then, add in the martyrs who followed Jesus to the end as they were murdered for their faith in Jesus.

Pastor Kimber ended with a challenge to us his flock. Have we lost our first love (Rev. 2:4)? Are we taking serious the call to love Jesus Christ with everything (Matt. 22:37)?

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus amazed the people in many ways during His life. What influences or miracles amaze you the most about Him?
2. Why are you motivated to worship Jesus and how are you worshipping Him?
3. Read Rev. 2:1-7. What is the church at Ephesus admonished for? What is it admonished to do?
4. What is distracting you from loving the Lord with everything?
5. What must you repent of to put Jesus Christ back at number 1 in your life? Are you ready to repent right now with the Flock Group? If so, do it.

Memorization Verse (NIV)

Rev. 2:4-5a, "Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first."

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1. What would the world be like if Jesus had never come?
2. Did Jesus come to earth? What was the impact?
3. What can we now do, that we couldn't do, before Jesus came?
4. Is Jesus great in your life? How is that manifested?
5. Have you put God in a "Sunday box," or is He, in the person of Jesus Christ, with you and part of your daily life?
6. Are you following Him, or pursuing it and causes?
7. When you pray, do you believe what you ask will be heard and your prayers will be answered? If not, then what's hindering your prayer life?
8. Do you truly love Jesus? How is that manifested?
9. Do you truly love one another? How is that manifested?
10. Is there anything that's keeping you from...
 - a. Loving Christ?
 - b. Loving others, as Christ loved you?

If so, what would you like to do about it?

- a. Continue on and hope for the best?
- b. Take positive action and try to do better?
- c. Confess, repent and cry out to God for help?