

## Who is Jesus?

*Give Us This Day*  
OUR DAILY BREAD  
"I am the  
*Bread of Life*  
He who comes to me shall never hunger,  
and he who believes in Me shall never thirst"  
John 6:35



Notes:

**John 8:12** When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

### We Read the Bible and Find Out About an Amazing Opportunity

Jesus took our sin upon Himself ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)) to be a sin offering for us. Jesus died in our place ([Romans 5:8](#)), taking the punishment that we deserve. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead, proving His victory over sin and death ([Romans 6:4-5](#)). Why did He do it? Jesus answered that question Himself: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" ([John 15:13](#)).

### We Dig into the Context of What We Read and Learn it To Be True

Jesus died so that we could live. If we place our faith in Jesus, trusting His death as the payment for our sins, all of our sins are forgiven and washed away. We will then have our spiritual hunger satisfied. The light will be turned on. We will know that we will have life after we die in a resurrected life in heaven.

### Our Work Results in an Everlasting Salvation but Also Yields Positive Side Affects

**#1 Benefit of the doubt (reading):** *def.* The withholding of judgment so as to retain a favorable or at least neutral opinion of someone or something when the full information about the subject is not yet available.

Perhaps reading the Bible can assist us in living a moral public life. As we move thought life, we would all like to benefit from getting the judgement in our favor, even when the evidence is neither for or against us. In nearly any setting the benefit of the doubt goes to those appearing to be more honest. That is unless you actually believe nice people finish last, in which case, maybe see the first sentence of this paragraph again.

What is the value of your "Time" spent reading the Bible?

The value of your "Time" varies proportionately with your reason for reading.

If in our hearts we can honestly make the connection between our suspected higher power (spiritual hunger) and Jesus, the value of time approaches  $\infty$ .

However, if we fail to make this understanding, the value of Time will eventually decrease to Zero (death).

**#2 Compound Interest (study):** *def.* The interest you earn on interest.

We're all familiar with our [bank](#) savings accounts growing over time. When we look closely at the growth, we notice that by leaving the interest money in the account we get to now include that money with our original money, allowing us to get a greater interest payment for the next period of time, thus creating a greater [ROI](#).

What if we do more than just read the Bible, what if we study the Bible? When we say we study something, we imply learning. When we learn something and retain it, we gain a deeper understanding of the subject matter. As we continue to repeat this process, we “compound” our knowledge, and our “interest” in the subject matter increases proportionally to our understanding. Imagine the benefit to our salvation of removing our doubt!

## Context and Observations

So, what's the hurry? Why Bible “Study” Today?

We heard last Sunday that the reward of salvation is equal for all. The reward is the same for a life time of commitment as it is for a last-minute change of heart. But what if we are not 100% sure or feel like we have plenty of time to work it out later.

Please consider the following:

### The Internet

Browser Search term: “who is Jesus”

Google Response: “Jesus also referred to as Jesus of Nazareth or Jesus Christ, was a first-century Jewish preacher and religious leader. He is the central figure of Christianity, the world's largest religion.”

Bing Response: “Jesus is the central figure of Christianity and its founder. He was born of a virgin, lived a perfect live, died on the cross for our sins, and three days later He rose from the dead.”

Yahoo/Wikipedia: “Jesus, also referred to as Jesus of Nazareth or Jesus Christ, was a first-century Jewish preacher and religious leader. He is the central figure of Christianity, the world's largest religion.”

### The Story of Humanity

Nearly all stories follow a 3 Act Structure. They have a Beginning (Setup), a Middle (Confrontation), and an End (Resolution). Act (I) The Mosaic Law, Psalms, and the Prophets introduce us to the characters in our story. Act (II) Begins with John the Baptist introducing us to the coming of the Messiah and ends with Jesus’ murder and resurrection. Act (III) Begins with the gift of the Holy Spirit and our story will end when the whole world knows who Christ is.

**Matthew 24:14** “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

There are 7.9 billion people in the world and 7.4 billion smart phones. It wouldn't take vary many people telling a handful of friends about what they discovered on their smart phone to bring the world to an end.

**Are you prepared to type “who is Jesus” into your phone Today?**