

Our Lord Jesus Christ—A Profile of the Most Influential Man in History

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Time: Thursdays 7:00-8:00 PM ET

Class size: No limit

One amazing thing about God's work is that it centers on a person. Instead of merely presenting dry theology, great feats of supernatural power, complex ideas, or systems of behavior, God wraps everything up into one Person, the Lord Jesus Christ, and presents Him to the world. The four gospels focus on and highlight this virtuous, profound, and mysterious Person, who we all love. This class is a grand overview of all the classes (and more) that Sweet Savor Bible School will teach on the gospels this semester. We will touch the great events of Jesus' life, like His birth, death, and resurrection, where God changed the entire universe through this Man. We will look at the path of Jesus as we follow His life as described by the four gospel writers. We will give an overview of His teaching in parables and plain words, His miracles, and His prayers. We will look at how Jesus taught His disciples lessons as He ministered to the world. We will gaze lovingly at the beauty of His person, especially as He is highlighted in the gospel of Luke. From the book of John, we will look at the divine facts of who He is as the Word, as bread, as light, as life, as truth, etc. We will explore the seeds His words planted that eventually grew into great New Testament truths, like the church, the Spirit, the Lord's table, and a life in death and resurrection. We will end by exploring the profound truths revealed in Jesus' last words in John 14-17.

Homework for this class will be reading portions of the gospels and answering a few short-answer questions about those sections. These questions can be used as seeds for discussions in groups.

Week-by-week Schedule:

1. Crucial events in Jesus' life: birth, baptism, human living, death, resurrection, and ascension
2. The path of Jesus according to the four gospel accounts
3. Jesus' ministry (1): His teachings in plain words and parables
4. Jesus' ministry (2): His miracles and His prayers
5. Jesus' ministry (3): His discipling of the disciples
6. The beauty of Jesus' person shown in His virtues
7. How Jesus is revealed in John as the Word, bread, light, life, truth etc.
8. Glimpses of the church age from the mouth of Jesus

9. Preparation for the future—Jesus' teaching in His last words (John 14-17)