

All Saints
Episcopal Church
Thomasville, Ga.
Sunday Morning

We are recruiting
Beginning after we are
organized

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,...An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
Hebrews 10:24, Proverbs 18:15

- Presentation.....9:10
- Discussion Q&A...9:45
- Dismissal.....10:15

- This Bible Study AKA **Dr. J's Power Hour** invites everyone interested to become leaders and presenters.
- Each Sunday the readings are dissected and explained in layman terms.
- There are thousands of resources to help you prepare: Study Bibles, Books (Reanne's) & Online.
- You may have a burning desire to present a topic.

Today's Leaders and Topics

- Dr. Charles Jackson: Great American and former physician to the former Washington Redskins.
- Putt Wetherbee: Overachieving, Dedicated American.

- **The Collect**

- Twenty Third Sunday after Trinity

- **Matthew**

- The Sermon on the Mount Beatitudes

Philippians

- 1:3

- **What Else Today**

- The American Restoration Period
- **How does the Christian Bible Define The Trinity**
- **What is Salvation and where can I get some?**

Woman

Saying

Word

Of the Week

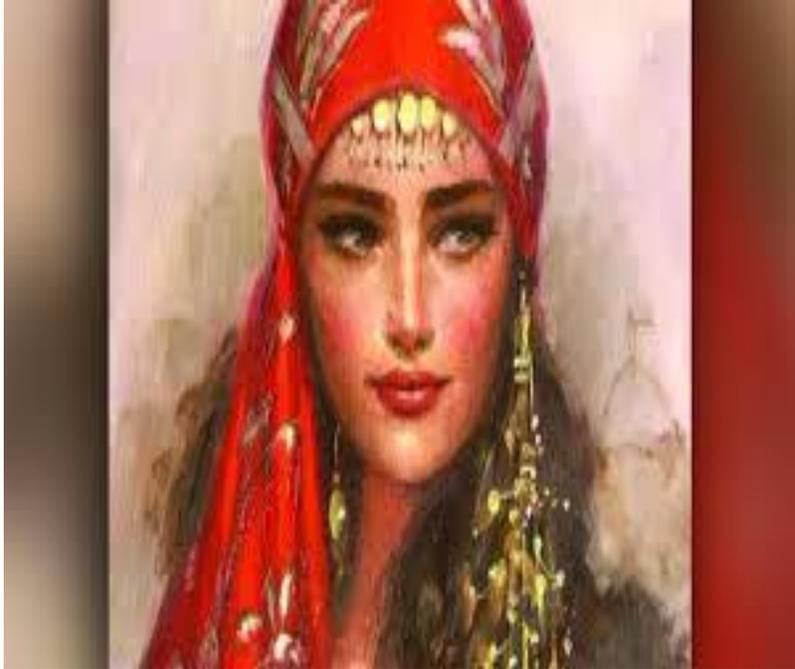
- **Rehab** OT Josh 2:1 NT Matt 1:5
 - Prostitute in Jericho, believed in God
 - Hid two of Joshua's spies
 - She and her family were spared from destruction
- **Blind leading the blind** Luke 6:39
 - "Can the blind lead the blind" JC
 - Jesus meant that people should be careful not to follow leaders who themselves are spiritually blind

Kardia- Greek

- **Heart, source of inner life, place of decision**
- Matt 5:8 "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God"
- Part of today's Gospel

Rehab

Woman of The Week



Collect

All Saints' Day

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ Our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same thy Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Hors d'oeuvre

A bite at a time

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For the Epistle. Revelation 7:2

The comforting seventh chapter of Revelation is our epistle today. It is an interlude between the sixth and final seventh seal. All the shock, disaster, and horror of the seventh seal and seven trumpet blasts will not fall upon the saints in white robes. It answers the question presented in chapter 6:17 of who is able to stand before God and the Lamb Jesus. John hears the number 144,000 but sees the great multitude

The twelve tribes minus Gad
and

Sealing the servants

Sealing the 144,000 of all the tribes of the children of
Israel (12 X 12 X 1000)

12 tribes of Israel

12 apostles

the perfect number 1000

Scene of worship

God seated and the Lamb in
the middle

before God seated on the throne, and the Lamb

Scene of worship

Innumerable multitude

- A great multitude, which no man could number
in white robes
holding palm branches
and cried out in loud voices, Salvation to our God, and
unto the Lamb

Scene of worship

Angelic Host

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- angelic host of angels, elders, four living creatures
fell before the
Lord
- saying, Amen:
- Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, might

Identification of the saints by the elder

The elder leads John on

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- These are they that came out of (the) great tribulation,
and have washed their robes,
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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Heavenly rewARD

In God's presence serving
and enjoying

Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him
day and night He shall dwell among
them

He shall remove all suffering
no hunger or thirst no
scorching heat or any heat

Results of perseverance and purity

The Lamb shepherds
God consoles

- the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne shall feed them
and lead them in the living fountains of water
- God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes

Symbolic
Representative
literal

I go literal here, the twelve tribes
are mentioned by name for gosh
sakes!

Try to Imagine being there listening to Jesus



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The Scene



The Beatitudes

- Jesus taught a sermon atop a mountain.
- He began with the beatitudes.
- 'Beatitude' – From the Latin word 'beatus' for fortunate, happy, or blessed.





Beatitudes

- Describes the inner character of true servants of God and the Kingdom of Heaven
 - Those who exhibit values not typically welcomed by the people of the world at large
 - Blessed – To the first century audience blessedness is a deep, abiding, unshakeable joy rooted in the assurance of Gods blessing, both in the present and in the future. Moreover for eternity.
 - Description of what the 12 Apostles should set their Hearts mind on
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Matthew 5 The Beatitudes

What is the Who

Poor in Spirit

- Opposite of self sufficiency, recognizing one utter spiritual bankruptcy apart from God
 - A deep humility of those acutely aware lostness and hopelessness apart from divine grace
 - Those who have truly emptied their soles of self and created a void for God to fill

Those who Mourn

- Mourning over sin
 - The Godly sorrow that produces repentance leading to salvation without regret
 - Without regret, thinks of lots wife who looked back on her sin with mourning
 - One can't repent from something without first facing it in order to know what direction to go away from it

What's Who

The Meek

- Meekness is the opposite of being out of control
- NOT weak or shy BUT the supreme self control empowered by The Spirit
 - The Meek shall inherit the earth PS 37:11 means those in control of themselves with humility will be in control of the a place .

Hunger and thirst for Righteousness

- Those who seek gods righteousness rather than trying to establish a righteousness of their own (Rom 10:3)
- A hunger for a right relationship with God will be satisfied
 - The Pharisees were self righteous

The Merciful

- The converse is true James 2:13

Who's Who of the Beatitudes

Pure in Heart

- Heb 12:14
 - Pursue peace with all people, and holiness without which no one will see the lord.
- Rev 22:3,4
 - And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve him. They shall see his face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

Peacemakers Mat 5-44:45

- Pray for those who persecute you and spitefully use you, that you may be sons of your father in heaven.
- Peace makers start with themselves and make peace within their own souls

Persecuted for Righteousness Sake

- James-5:10,11 “My Brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure.

Blessed get what?

Poor in Spirit

- A place in the eternal Kingdom of God ruled by God

Those who Mourn

- The comfort of forgiveness and salvation
 - Lost at sea, into the raft, into the rescue boat, back on land at home with family

The Meek

- PS 37:11 “ The Meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity
 - I am unclear on where the land is

Hunger and thirst for Righteousness

- “Deeply joyful and spiritually whole are those who actively seek a right relationship with God and, in so doing, discover that He alone can completely save and satisfy their souls”.

These qualities are not mutually exclusive to a group of individuals

The Merciful

- Mercy in God sized portions, exponential to the mercy they showed

Pure in Heart

- Seeing God is tantamount to receiving his full measure of love
 - The ability to completely humble one's self to the point of understanding our frailty, powerlessness and perishability

Peacemakers Mat 5:44-45

- They become the children of God

Persecuted for Righteousness Sake

- “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” Rom 8:18(NKJV)

Our Study



Biblical Christianity

What the Bible Teaches

Jehovah's Witnesses

Mormonism

Seventh-day Adventism

Christian Science

Islam (Sunni & Shi'a)

Nation of Islam

Judaism

Nature Especially Human Hates a Void

Other Religions

New Age 

Unity 

Unification Church 

Wicca 

Scientology 

Bahá'í Faith 

Kabbalah Centre 

Hinduism 

Hare Krishna 

Transcendental Meditation 

Sikhism 

Buddhism 

Soka Gakkai

Others Vs. Biblical

What Other Groups Say about Jesus	What the Bible Says
Jesus was not God.	John 1:1–18; 8:56–58; Col. 1:15–20; 1 Tim. 3:16
Jesus was created by God.	John 10:30–38; 17:5; Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18
There are three separate gods: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, not one God in three persons	Deut. 6:4; Isa. 7:14; 43:10; 44:6–8; Matt. 1:18; 28:18–19; John 10:30–38; Heb. 1:1–14; 1 Peter 1:2
Jesus was not necessary because there is no sin.	John 3:14–17; Rom. 3:23–30; 6:23; 1 Cor. 15:1–8; 1 John 1:8–10.
Jesus was not raised bodily from the dead.	Luke 24:36–53; Acts 1:11; 1 Cor. 15:1–3
Jesus was a great prophet, but not God.	Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18; John 5:17–18, 23; 10:30–38; Col. 2:9–10

Others Vs. Bible

What Other Groups Say about Jesus	What the Bible Says
There are many ways to God, not just one.	John 3:14–17; 14:6–7; 1 Tim. 2:5–6
Jesus is not necessary because people must pay for their own sins.	John 17:2–3; Rom. 6:23; 10:3–10; Eph. 2:8–9
Jesus died for sins, but people can't be saved unless they obey all of the teachings of the church.	John 14:6–7; Rom. 10:3–10; Eph. 2:8–9
Jesus is God, but less than God the Father.	John 5:17–23; 14:6–7; Col. 2:9–10
Jesus was just a man.	Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18; John 10:30–38; 2:18–22
Jesus is not the only son of God.	John 3:14–17, 36; Heb. 1:1–14
Jesus will never come again.	Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:13–18

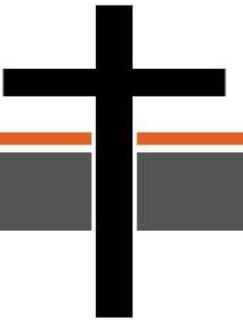
What the Bible Teaches

How to Become a Christian

- The Bible says God loved the world so much that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16). God loves you and wants a relationship with you.
- The ABCs
 - All have sinned (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 1 John 1:10).
 - Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31; John 1:12).
 - Confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead (Rom. 10:9).

Menu

Biblical Christianity



[Menu](#)



FOUNDED, LOCATION

- Founded by Jesus Christ, about AD 30–33, in the Judean province of Palestine (Israel today), under the Roman Empire.
- Followers of Jesus Christ became known as Christians.



Jesus giving the Sermon on the Mount



KEY WRITINGS

- The Bible, written originally in Hebrew and Aramaic (Old Testament), and Greek (New Testament).





WHO IS GOD?

- The one God is Triune (one God in three persons, not three gods): Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God is a spiritual being without a physical body.
- He is personal and involved with people.
- He created the universe out of nothing.
- He is eternal, changeless, holy, loving, and perfect.
- Often the title “God” designates the first person of the Trinity, God the Father.



WHO IS JESUS?

- Jesus is God, the second person of the Trinity.
- As God the Son, he has always existed and was never created.
- He is fully God and fully man (the two natures joined, not mixed).
- As the second person of the Trinity, he is coequal with God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

WHO IS JESUS?

- In becoming man, he was begotten through the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
- Jesus is the only way to the Father, salvation, and eternal life.
- He died on a cross according to God's plan, as the full sacrifice and payment for our sins.

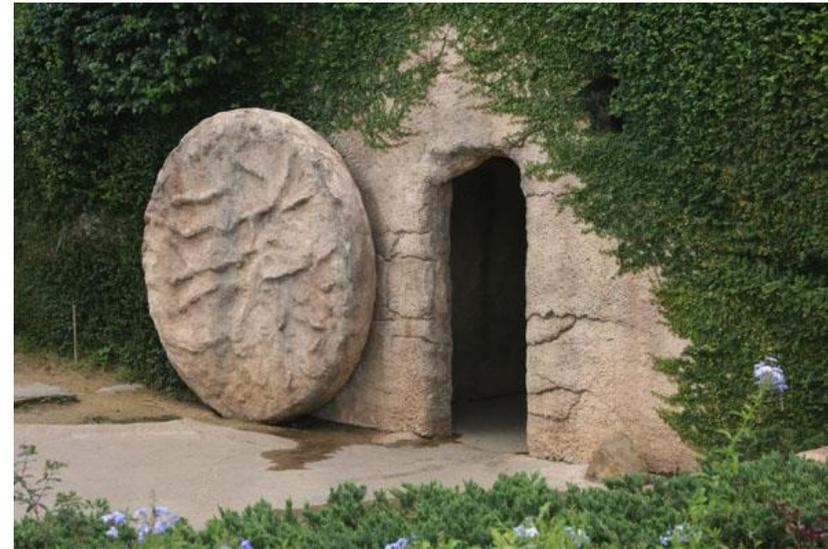


Virgin Mary and the Christ Child



WHO IS JESUS?

- He rose from the dead on the third day, spiritually and physically immortal.
- For the next 40 days he was seen by more than 500 eyewitnesses; his wounds were touched, and he ate meals.





WHO IS JESUS?

- Jesus physically ascended to heaven.
- He will come again visibly and physically at the end of the world to establish God's kingdom and judge the world.



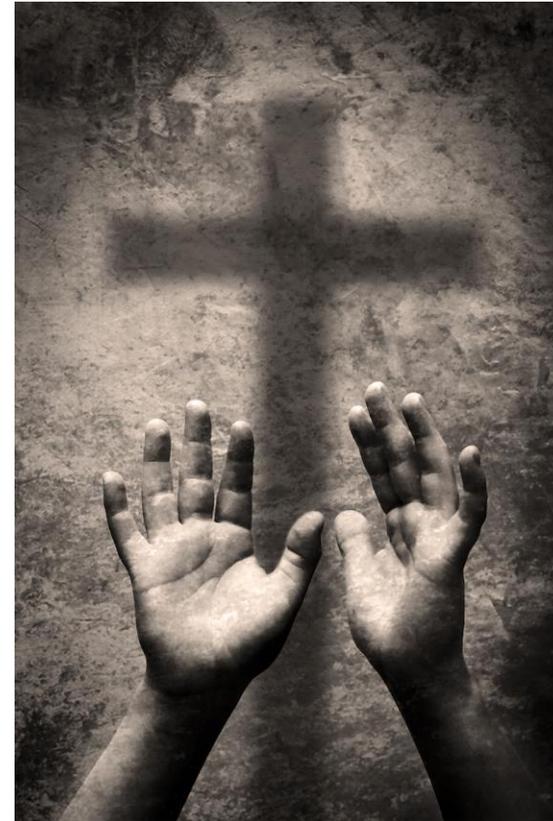
WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- The Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the Trinity.
- He is a person, not a force or energy field. He comforts, grieves, reproves, convicts, guides, teaches, and fills Christians.
- He is not the Father, nor is he the Son, Jesus Christ.



HOW TO BE SAVED

- Salvation is by God's grace, not by an individual's good works; it must be received by faith.
- People must believe in their hearts that Jesus died for their sins and physically rose again, which is the assurance of forgiveness and resurrection of the body.
- This is God's loving plan to forgive sinful people.





WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

- Believers go to be with Jesus.
- After death, all people await the final judgment. Both saved and lost people will be resurrected.
- Those who are saved will live with Jesus in heaven.
- Those who are lost will suffer the torment of eternal separation from God (hell).
- Jesus' bodily resurrection guarantees believers that they will be resurrected and receive new immortal bodies.

OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- Baptism and Lord's Supper (Communion).
- Group worship, usually in churches.
- No secret rites.
- Active voluntary missionary efforts.



Bread and wine used in
Communion



OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- Aid to those in need: the poor, widows, orphans, and downtrodden.
- Christians believe that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah promised to Israel in the Old Testament.
- Jesus said his followers would be known by their love for one another.

What the Bible Teaches

Why Should Christians Study Other Religions?

- To effectively share the gospel
 - Paul’s goal in Acts 17:24–28 was to build bridges and help followers of other religions understand the gospel.
- To uphold the faith
 - Early Christian leaders, such as Paul, Peter, John, and Jude warned and instructed Christians about the teachings of false prophets.
 - Every
 - Their goal was to defend the flock and uphold the faith.

What the Bible Teaches

How to Test the Prophets

- “Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.”—*1 John 4:1–3*

What the Bible Teaches

How to Recognize False Gospels

- “But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!”—*Galatians 1:8–9*

A close-up, high-contrast photograph of an owl's face against a black background. The owl's eye is a striking, bright red color, and its beak is visible on the left side. The text "Next Week" is overlaid in white, centered over the owl's eye.

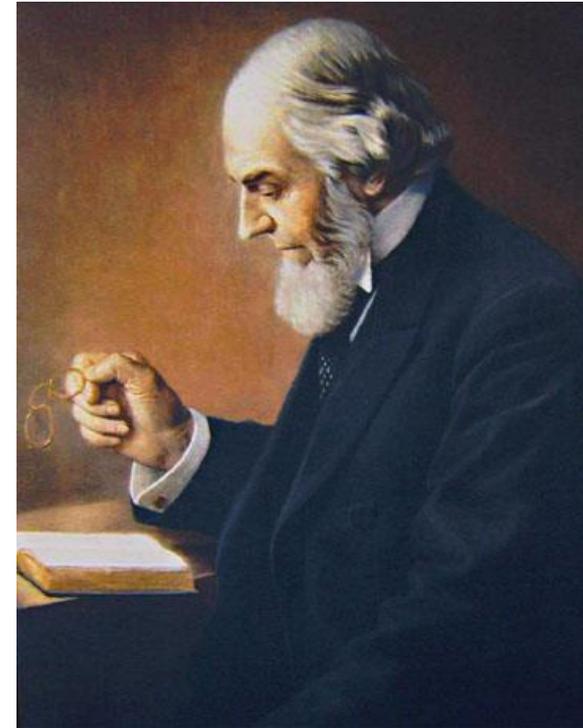
Next Week

Jehovah's Witnesses



FOUNDED, LOCATION

- Founded by Charles Taze Russell (1852–1916) in 1879 in Pennsylvania.
- Later led by “Judge” Joseph F. Rutherford (1869–1942).
- Headquarters today in Brooklyn, New York.



Charles Taze Russell

Jehovah's Witnesses



WHO IS JESUS?

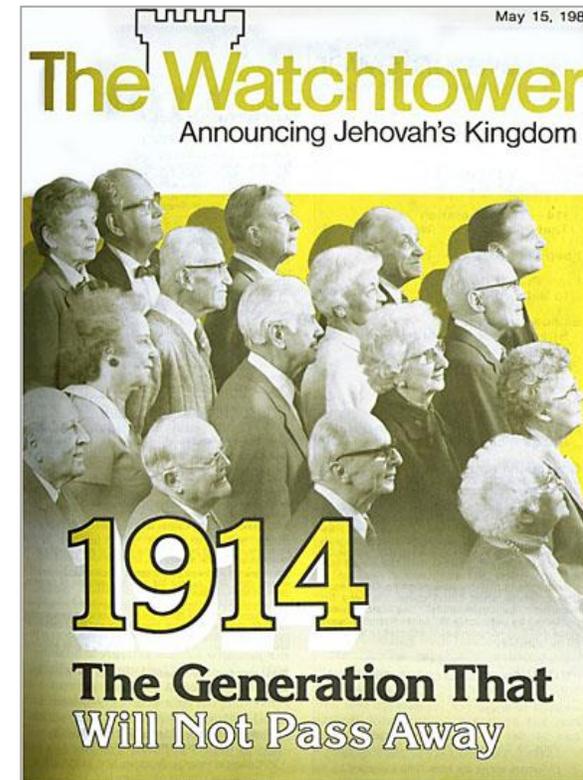
- Jesus is not God. Before he lived on earth, he was Michael, the archangel.
- Jehovah made the universe through him.
- On earth he was a man who lived a perfect life.

Jehovah's Witnesses



HOW TO BE SAVED

- Salvation in heaven is limited to 144,000 “anointed ones.” This number is already reached.
- Followers must be baptized as a Jehovah’s Witness.
- Most followers must earn everlasting life on earth by “door-to-door work.”



May 5, 1984 issue of *The Watchtower* magazine featuring the 144,000