

POINT 1 WHO IS JESUS? v22-24, 33,36

v 36 Let all the house of Israel therefore **know for certain** that God has made him both **Lord** and **Christ**, this Jesus- whom you crucified.

He was **LORD** – meaning he is the **holy God**, and

He was **Christ** - **God made flesh**, the Savior, Emanuel... God with Us → THE Messiah.

POINT 2 WHAT DID JESUS DO?

- a. he preaches his **life**- he came to earth to live a perfect life.
- b. he preaches his **death**- he died on the cross.
- c. he preaches his **resurrection**- he rose from the dead
- d. he preaches his **exultation**- he returned to the Father in heaven.

Song- Lord I Lift Your Name on High

*You came from heaven to earth to **show the way**
From the earth **to the cross**, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the **grave to the sky**
Lord I **lift Your name** on high*

POINT 3 WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Hebrews 4:12 ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, **piercing** to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and **discerning** the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Discussion and Application

1. If someone point blank asked you “Who is this Jesus you worship?”, how would this passage help you answer them?
2. Similarly, in what way are points a,b,c & d under Point 2 personally encouraging and strengthening for your faith? Any specifics?
3. Think about what Peter preached (Point 1 and 2) for the first sermon ever in the church. How would you explain 3,000 conversions from this one sermon? What *really* happened? (Note Heb 4:12).
4. Talk about how the consistent, faithful preaching and sharing of the gospel should encourage us and inspire our commitment to personal outreach.
5. Take some time to pray thank God for the forgiveness of your sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the presence & power of God in your life because of **WHO** Jesus is and **WHAT** He did.

Parents

We must always be on guard against teaching a moral gospel instead of a grace gospel.

It takes work and creativity to teach children, in age appropriate ways, **WHO** Jesus is, **WHAT** he did, and **WHY** it's important.

You can have a lot of fun using the song **Lord I Lift Your Name on High** as teaching tool this week.

Suggestion:

Identify together with bibles open which verses in the passage today line up with the lyrics from the chorus

*You came from heaven to earth to **show the way** _____*

*From the earth **to the cross**, my debt to pay _____*

*From the cross to the grave, from the **grave to the sky** _____*

*Lord I **lift Your name** on high _____*

Print off the lyrics to the whole song, then find your favorite version on YOU TUBE with hand motions, and get dancing!