



Sermon Notes: God Has Visited His People

1. The Identity of Jesus.

2. The Enigma of Jesus.

- a. He has remarkable compassion.
- b. He has incomparable authority.
- c. So why isn't he doing what we expect?

3. The Surpassing Greatness of Jesus.

- a. Sometimes Jesus isn't who we want, but he's always who we need!
- b. Jesus is God visiting His people with salvation.

Gospel Applications:

- 1. Identify how and why you try to make Jesus something he's not.
- 2. Let God Himself define what you need and how Jesus meets those needs.
- 3. Thank Jesus that he's willing to be all we need, not all we want.



Application Questions: God Has Visited His People

1. How did the invitation to acknowledge your unworthiness and Christ's worthiness enable you to pray differently this week? What did you notice?
2. What are some common misidentifications of Jesus in our culture today due to...
 - Subtraction (taking away something the Bible says)?
 - Addition (adding something the Bible doesn't say)?
 - Substitution (replacing something the Bible says with something it doesn't)?
 - Superimposition (projecting modern ideologies/causes retroactively)?
3. Of the things you listed under #2, which do you personally default to the most? How do you tend to think of Jesus in ways that make him less – or something different – than he actually is?
4. When your expectations of God don't align with your actual experience, what are some potential ways you can respond – both positively and negatively?
5. Where do you think those unmet expectations come from? Why do you have them?
6. Describe a situation in your life where God didn't do what you expected of Him. Which response under #4 did/do you default to?
7. God often does what we *need* rather than what we *want*. Give an example of this from the life of a familiar Bible character like Moses, David, Peter, etc. Give an example from your own life.
8. Why did John the Baptist question whether Jesus was the Messiah or not? How do you see this same dynamic lead to doubt in your life?
9. What did Jesus point John the Baptist to in order to prove that he was the Messiah? How is this the ultimate ground of your faith when experience doesn't match expectations?
10. What one thing does God want you to do in response to His Word this week?