



11th October 2020 Rev Donald Hegan

Welcome:

Songs: Come People of the Risen King
My hope is built
Jesus what a beautiful Name

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Announcements and sharing

God Moment

Offerings and Dedication

Hymn: Crown him with many crowns WOV 163

Prayers for Others: Rev John Rentz

Readings: John 14: 1-7, pg 1675, 2 Peter 1:16-21, pg 1894
Erin Stubbs

Hymn: Joy to the World! The Lord is come WOV 224

Sermon: Faith for Today: Who is this Jesus? PT 7

Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King WOV 147

Benediction: The God of hope be with you

Elders on Duty for October Ken Camp and Ian Burns

Organist Len Hockly

Pianist Rosemary Harris

Door Greeting Lesley Jamieson and Alex Kiddie

Security 2nd Week Ron Buller

Prayer Chain We are available to pray for you, your friends and families in your joys and concerns. Please contact Glynnis (576 4814) or the office.

THE COMING WEEK (2nd)

Monday	7.00 pm Indoor Bowls
Tuesday	9.00 am– 9.25 am: Staff Meeting, Donald's office 9.30am Fun Fitness in hall 10.30 am Preschool Playgroup in the lounge
Wednesday	9.30 am Care & Craft in hall
Thursday	9.45 am Bible Study Group in crèche
Friday	9.00 am Prayer meeting in crèche 10.00 am Cuppa & Chat in lounge
Sunday	8.45 am Prayers
Wed/Thurs/Fri	10.00 am—4.00 pm: Basement Boutique

The lost property has 2x glasses and a magnifying glass in it.

Thursday morning Bible Study/home-group will not meet during the school holidays, recommencing on 15th October.

In Transit - Sunday 1st November 9.30am

A great Christian band! They are coming for the 4th time to St Columba. You will not be disappointed! Come and be uplifted. In Transit bring an inspiring gospel message through music and scripture. Enjoyment Plus!



Sheep Trail

For the Sheep Trail this year we would like 3 more sheep knitted please - any takers? The pattern is on the table in the foyer. Please let Janet or Sally know if you are able to do this.

"Tauranga Amateur Variety Concert 31st Oct, 2pm Saturday afternoon at the Holy Trinity events centre cnr of Devonport and 3rd ave. Light Classical Music. Tickets \$14, \$5 for seniors and youth. www.tavac.co.nz or phone Andrew 022 322 1223"

**Finances for the month of
September 2020
Giving \$6873
Other income \$4710
Total Income \$11,583
Expenses \$14,688**

Faith for Today: Who Is This Jesus? Pt7

Claim to be God: Moses, Muhammad, Buddhism did not!

1. An Unexpected Event

We did not follow cleverly invented stories ... we were eyewitnesses 2 Peter 1:16

In an uncompromising monotheistic Judaism, Christianity arose

Began right after Jesus resurrection

We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

2. Jesus amazing life

This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. 2 Peter 1:17

Twelve times in Mark's uses word "amazed" "astonished"

There question, *Who is this?*

Surely this man was the Son of God! Roman centurion

3. Jesus claim to be God

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

Jesus claims make him a megalomaniacal or God

The idea of a great moral teacher saying what Jesus said is out of the question. ...either God or a complete lunatic C. S. Lewis

Belief in deity of Jesus established before church developed

Jesus was crucified because he claimed to be God

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. John 14:6

Here are quotes from CS Lewis on the uniqueness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE UNIQUENESS OF CHRIST

C. S. Lewis as a young lecturer at Oxford was an atheist. He recounts a highly unsettling conversation. *Early in 1926 the hardest boiled of all the atheists I ever knew sat in my room on the other side of the fire and remarked that the evidence for the historicity of the Gospels was really surprisingly good. "Rum thing," he went on. "All that stuff of Frazer's about the Dying God. Rum thing. It almost looks as if it had really happened once.* Surprised by Joy

Like his atheist friend, CS Lewis became convinced that in Jesus myth became historical reality. He later wrote, *It is like watching something come gradually into focus; first it hangs in the clouds of myth and ritual, vast and vague, then it condenses, grows hard and in a sense small, as a historical event in first century Palestine.*' The Weight of Glory and other addresses.

Jesus accepts Thomas saying to him "My Lord and my God!" As Lewis says this is unprecedented, *If you had gone to Buddha and asked him: 'Are you the son of Bramah?' he would have said, 'My son, you are still in the vale of illusion.'* *If you had gone to Socrates and asked, 'Are you Zeus?' he would have laughed at you. If you had gone to Mohammed and asked, 'Are you Allah?' he would first have rent his clothes and then cut your head off...* *The idea of a great moral teacher saying what Jesus said is out of the question. In my opinion, the only person who can say that sort of thing is either God or a complete lunatic suffering from that form of delusion which undermines the whole mind of man.* God in the Dock



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