
Digging Deeper and Rising Higher

Given that the people and leaders of Israel rejected Jesus, why did He still love them? Why did He insist on traveling to Jerusalem knowing that the Cross awaited Him?

Some Thoughts to Take With You

God, apart from Christ, is an angry, offended Sovereign. Unless we behold Him in and through Christ, the Mediator, the terrors of His Majesty would overwhelm us. We dare not approach the Father except in Christ because of our sins. We first fasten our eyes upon Christ, then upon the Father. If Christ does not bear our guilt and reconcile us unto God, we perish! Before any man can think to stand before the face of God's justice or be admitted to the secret chamber of God's mercy or partake of the riches of His grace, he must look to the Mediator, Christ Jesus.

Stephen Charnock

Nothing is more clear than that Christ cannot be explained by any humanistic system. He does not fit into any theory of natural evolution, for in that case the perfect flower of humanity should have appeared at the end of human history and not in the middle of it.

Loraine Boettner

The meek man is not a human mouse afflicted with a sense of his own inferiority. Rather he may be in his moral life as bold as a lion and as strong as Samson; but he has stopped being fooled about himself. He has accepted God's estimate of his own life. He knows he is as weak and helpless as God declared him to be, but paradoxically, he knows at the same time that he is in the sight of God of more importance than angels. In himself, nothing; in God, everything. That is his motto.

A. W. Tozer

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Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

- Jesus said that He wanted to protect Jerusalem but:
 - they didn't want anything to do with Him.
 - they decided to look somewhere else for protection.
 - they thought it would be better to kill Him.
 - All of the above.
- Jesus called Herod a "fox" because:
 - he was being very clever in trying to get rid of Jesus.
 - Herod had reddish hair.
 - his royal crest had a fox on the flag.
 - all of the above.
- The most important part of Jesus' redemptive mission is:
 - the death He died on the cross.
 - the empty tomb.
 - A and B above.
 - B and C above.

For Family Discussion: Why is Luke 13:34 so sad? How would you respond to Jesus' offer of protection and provision?

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

	TOTAL
JESUS _____	_____
JERUSALEM _____	_____
PROPHET _____	_____
CROSS _____	_____
MISSION _____	_____
HOUSE _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

JESUS JERUSALEM PROPHET CROSS ETHIOPIA MISSION HOUSE
 SIN REJECT JUDGMENT BLESSED NAME LORD HEN GATHERS
 WINGS LOVE DAY HEROD PHARISEES ENEMIES HATRED GRACE
 FAITH REDEMPTION BLOOD FORGIVENESS LOVE HEAVEN FATHER

R C I C L Y L A F J R M D A Y H Y W W
 Q I R F W E W S F S N E X J A N L W Q
 S S E N E V I G R O F L J P A G E C S
 E T H I O P I A P W U A X M N K V E P
 J S F S H I D R O L W S E G I J E T R
 S U U A R E T G H J D U Y J S S C M O
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 I Q O G H T H V M I Y E Y R J S G A H
 M R T E M X H T E E Y J A E S Q B T E
 E D E S S E L B A N D H R I D J L H T
 N U N G L I N S A G P E O O E N O E X
 E E Q N O L X T N L G N R S S S O R C
 H V G I G R A C E J L E U D N K D H A
 U Y O W O O G M O G H S P S L S U J W
 N K S L N X S S B Z J E N F F L O W J