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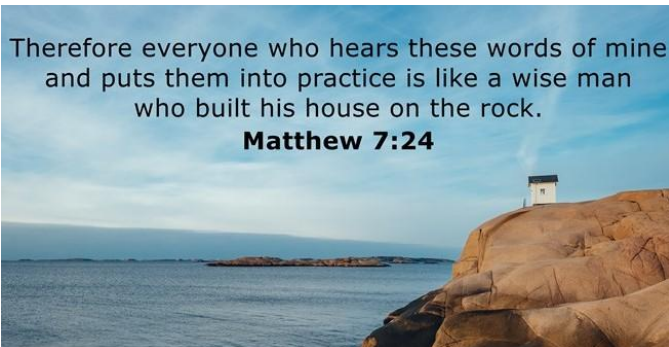
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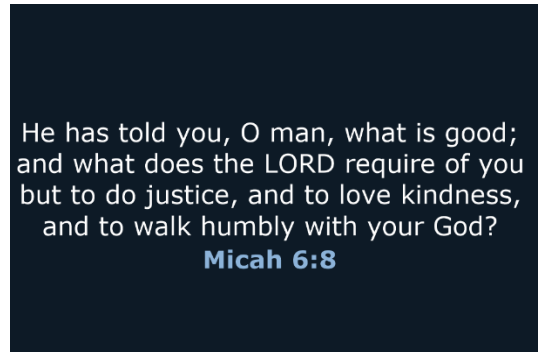
Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine
and puts them into practice is like a wise man
who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24



He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8



News and Prayer Requests

- Gospel meeting at Kirkwood Sept 19-21 with Craig Bean.
- Gospel meeting in STJ, Sept 28-Oct3 with Marshall McDaniel.
- Gospel meeting in Fair Grove, Oct 2-5 with Sam Bunyard.

Who is Jesus? 9/5/2025 By Patrick Hite

Jesus' first appearance in the scripture by that name is in Matthew 1, where we read an account of His miraculous virgin birth to the woman Mary. However, there are many different names and titles given to Jesus throughout the scripture that tell us about who He is. He was called Immanuel, meaning "God is with us", because He was God come in the flesh (Isaiah 7:14). He is called the Lamb of God, a reference to the fact that He was the sacrifice for the sins of the world (John 1:29). He is the Mediator between us and God (I Timothy 2:5), and He is our Judge (John 5:22). But He is probably best known as Jesus the Christ, which means "anointed" or "chosen" (John 5:22), the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16). God chose Jesus, His only Son, to come to this world and be the Savior of mankind (John 3:16).

Is Jesus God?

The scripture shows us very plainly that Jesus is God. In John 1:1 John says that the Word that was in the beginning with God, which is Jesus, was God. He goes on in 1:14 to say that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. This shows us that Jesus is God in the flesh. Jesus also made many claims that show Him to be God. He called Himself I AM (John 8:58), a name used by God in the Old Testament (Exodus 3:14). He said that any who had seen Him had seen the Father (John 14:9). He said that He and the Father are one (John 10:30). This claim of divinity and equality with God was one of the reasons that the Jews of His time sought to kill Him (John 5:18). Jesus and God are one, not in the sense that they are the same being, as there is evidence that they have separate minds (Matthew 24:36, John 15:15). But they are one in their power, purpose, and character (Colossians 2:9, John 17:1-5, Hebrews 1:3). Jesus is most certainly God.

What did Jesus do?

There are many things that the scripture shows Jesus did. Through Him, God created all things (John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:16). He was present through the events of the Old Testament, such as when the Israelites left Egypt (I Corinthians 10:1-4) and when Daniel's friends were cast in the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:1-25). When Jesus came into the world, He taught others about the coming of the Kingdom of God, that is the church, and the need to repent and follow after Him (Mark 1:15). He performed many miracles and healed many sick people (Matthew 4:23), and during all this time He lived without any sin of His own (Hebrews 4:15). But the greatest thing that Jesus did was when He gave up His life for us (John 15:13). Because of His great love for each of us, He suffered a horrible death to atone for our sins (I John 4:9-10), but He was raised from the dead and now sits in heaven at the right hand of God (Romans 8:34).

Why should I care about Jesus?

Although Jesus now sits at the right hand of God, He is going to come back to this world at a time that is unknown to all but God the Father (Matthew 24:36-43). When He comes He will usher in the day of judgment, in which all of us will be judged for what we have done with our lives and either hear the words, "Enter into the joy of your Lord" or, "Depart from Me". If we want to be ready for His return, if we want to be with Him for eternity, we need to care about Jesus. We need to care about what He endured for us so that we could be cleansed from our sins, and how He says we need to respond to His sacrifice (Mark 16:16).