

JESUS IS GLORIOUS

Part 13 of THE GOSPEL WAY

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day, he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the one, holy, worldwide Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

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WHY ARE SOME PEOPLE “ASHAMED” OF JESUS?

List some reasons why someone might hesitate to identify as a follower of Jesus:

Here's one reason from the Bible:

2 Corinthians 4:4 (CSB) ... the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ...

The “**god of this age**” is Satan. His influence on people and culture is significant, so he is described as a “god.” He blinds people to spiritual truth and the glory of Christ, so they reject Jesus and his followers. So, we try to avoid rejection by not speaking up for Jesus.

BUT... this is a mistake.

We should never be ashamed of Jesus. Rather, we should be proud of Jesus. We should want everyone to know about him.

Why? Because ...

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2 Corinthians 4:4 says, ***“the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”***

Christ is glorious because he is the ***“image of God”*** in the sense that he is God, and he makes God visible. He is God in human flesh.

Glory is what radiates from the being of God. You could say that God shines out. Most of the time, we cannot see that glory. But God’s glory radiated from Jesus during his time on earth.

Nowadays, we learn about, see, and believe in the glory of Jesus when we hear the gospel or read the New Testament.

According to the New Testament, what are some ways in which God’s glory radiated from Jesus?

Since Jesus is glorious, we should never be ashamed of him. We should find ways to tell our friends how amazing Jesus is.

HOW JESUS REVEALED HIS GLORY

Jesus revealed his glory (revealed God) in three main ways:

His incarnation and crucifixion

Philippians 2:5-8 (CSB) Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, 6 who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. 7 Instead, he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, 8 he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death — even to death on a cross.

His preaching, teaching, and healing ministry

Matthew 4:23-24 (CSB) Now Jesus began to go all over Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. 24 Then the news about him spread throughout Syria. So they brought to him all those who were afflicted, those suffering from various diseases and intense pains, the demon-possessed, the epileptics, and the paralytics. And he healed them.

His resurrection and ascension

Philippians 2:9-11 (CSB) For this reason, God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow — in heaven and on earth and under the earth — 11 and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Based on those passages, list all the ways that Jesus radiates or reveals God.