

Three Truths About Heaven: Truth #2

MAIN THING

Heaven is a place where Jesus is Infinitely Valuable

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 5:1-14, Matthew 13:44-46, Revelation 3:15-16, Exodus 20:7, Mark 12:30, Hebrews 12:1-3

ICEBREAKER

My most valuable possession is . . .

OPENING THOUGHT

Gold is more valuable than dirt. We all know it. But why? Gold has three properties that make it the "gold standard" of value- it is rare, permanent, and accessible. Jesus is infinitely valuable for those very reasons- He is rare, permanent, and accessible. This will be one of the greatest things about heaven. We will see Jesus honored and valued for who He truly is.

On earth, Jesus' name is a swear word. People minimize Him, ridicule and mock Him, ignore Him, and do everything except value Him. In heaven, it will be a totally different story. It's time that Christians stop minimizing and devaluing Jesus and begin honoring Him by ascribing to Him the infinite value He is worth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
- 2. How would your life change if you truly valued Jesus on earth as He is valued in heaven?
- 3. The sermon identified three marks of a Christian who sees Jesus as infinitely valuable. They are 1) Highly troubled when Jesus is minimized, 2) Loves God with all heart, soul, mind, and strength, and 3) Cuts loose anything that steals God's glory. Which of these is your favorite? Why?

LIFE APPLICATION

Our lives center on what we believe to be valuable. What we believe to be most valuable becomes our greatest priority. Most of us are guilty of minimizing or devaluing Jesus. This is the most heartbreaking sin of all- patronizing the One of infinite value by treating Him like a common item. Giving Him a little of our time. Giving Him half an effort. Magnanimously giving Him a begrudging hour on Sunday morning and thinking we've really done something special.

The Bible tells us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. The people who do this are people who see Jesus as worthy of their absolute best. If that isn't you today, it's time to see Jesus' worth and change our behavior now so that things on earth are the way they will be in heaven.

CHALLENGE

Do some self-reflection. What are areas of my life where I have minimized or devalued Jesus? How am I patronizing towards Him? In what ways have I treated Him like a common thing, not the infinitely valuable Son of God?