

Vintage Jesus #11 What Difference Has Jesus Made In History?

- All right, so it's 12 lectures. This is number 11. We're in the red zone. And the question today is, "What difference has Jesus made in history?" So we started by looking at how did God through prophecy prepare people for the coming of Jesus? Then how was Jesus born? How did He live? How did He die? How did He rise? What happened in His wake? And today we wanna take the Google Earth view and just look, in the history of the world what impact or effect has Jesus made and then conversely it would be, if you remove Jesus what would the world be like? We all have benefits from Jesus whether or not we even believe in Jesus and for me, I'll start with a personal story. I started state university as a kid who was 18, almost 19 years of age and all of the classes I went to, every single one was really loading the gun and taking fire at Christ and Christianity. So anthropology, sociology, history, psychology, whatever discipline it was, they were all defending themselves against Christianity and conversely, they were criticizing Biblical Christianity and it just appeared to me that Christianity was such a big deal and that the impact of Jesus was so global and historical that every department and discipline in the university felt the need to respond. And they weren't responding necessarily to each other and there was no similar opposition to any other movement or historical figure in the history of the world. Jesus just seemed to be the big deal and everyone was trying to deal with the shadow and wake that He left when He returned into heaven. And so it got me wondering, "Huh, what do I think about Jesus? "What do I think about Christ and Biblical Christianity?" And it got me studying and seeking to determine for myself and ultimately I came to the conclusion and conviction that Jesus should be the cornerstone of my life and what I find interesting today is that education historically was rooted and founded on Christ as the cornerstone. I'm gonna give you a big historical lecture tonight. We're gonna cover a lot of details but even the university that I was in was the byproduct of Christ and Christianity. Historically education has gone wherever Christians have gone. Literacy has gone wherever Christians have gone because Christians believe that it's important for people to have the ability to read and educational access so that they could personally learn God's word. That's one of the heartbeats of the Protestant Reformation. Well just practically as I started to look at it, even as a student in the university, nearly all of the first 123 colleges and universities founded in America were founded by Christians to honor Christ. Nearly all of what we now know as the Ivy League schools were originally founded by Christians to honor Christ. One of the Ivy League schools was actually founded to train missionaries to reach Native groups who were already living in the country. Here's what it said in the 1846 Harvard publication of its rules and precepts. So if you were an incoming freshman, let's say way back in 1646 at Harvard you would have received this. "Everyone shall consider the main end "of his life and studies to know God and Jesus Christ "which is eternal life." I think it's probably not the exact same thing it says at Harvard right now but that's where it was. It goes on to say, "Seeing the Lord giveth wisdom, "everyone shall seriously by prayer in secret "seek wisdom of Him." Hey kids, the first thing you gotta do every morning, meet with the Holy Spirit and ask God for His wisdom during the day. "Everyone shall so exercise himself "in reading the Scriptures twice a day." Twice a day. "That they be ready to give an account "of their proficiency therein." Hey read your Bible twice a day kids, 'cause that's what we're talking about in class. "Both in theoretical observations "of languages and logic and

in practical "and spiritual truths." Historically education has been for Christians to honor Christ. For Christians to honor Christ and Jesus is such a towering and looming figure in the history of the world that whether or not you believe in Him, you need to wrestle with what you think regarding Him. I've got some quotes for you in the notes. I will talk fast and I'll cover a lot but I give you the notes to try and simplify the process for you. Theologian and noted historian Stephen Neill says, "He who says Jesus, also says history." His impact on history is the largest. W.E.H Lecky, he is a noted scholar and historian. He has said, "The character of Jesus has not only been "the highest pattern of virtue "but the strongest incentive in its practice "and has exerted so deep an influence." He goes on to say, "That it may be truly said that a simple record "of three years of active life "has done more to regenerate and soften mankind "than all the disquisitions of philosophers "and all the exhortations of moralists." What he says is if you look at the world, the way people live their life is more impacted by Jesus than anyone or anything else in the history of the world. The entrance to the Rockefeller Center in New York includes this inscription. "Man's ultimate destiny depends, "not on whether he can learn new lessons "or make new discoveries and conquests "but on the acceptance of the lesson taught to him "close to 2000 years ago." It's interesting, everybody in New York City walking into Rockefeller Center is walking over an inscription that says, "You really need to know Jesus "'cause that's what it's all about." Lastly one of my favorites, Charles Haddon Spurgeon. He was a British preacher, one of my all-time heroes. I got to visit his house and his college and study his life. He said, "Christ is the great central fact "of the world's history. "To Him, everything looks forward or backward. "All the lines of history converge upon Him. "All the great purposes of God culminated Him, "the greatest and most momentous fact "in the history of the world records this fact, His birth." What he's saying is it's all about Jesus. That's the way I like to say it. It's all about Jesus. So ultimately, when we look at the legacy that Jesus' life has left, the ultimate issue that I came down to in college was this. What am I gonna say about Christ? What am I gonna think about Christ? What am I gonna do with Christ and as I was looking at all of the disciplines and ideologies and I was considering one day being married, I wanted to get married and be a husband and a father and looking into my future, for me the real question was, "Where do you start, what do you begin with? "Where's the foundation? "What's the first principle and assumption?" And I came to the conviction as a 19-year-old kid who crossed the line from unbelief to belief in Jesus, that ultimately Christ was gonna be my cornerstone. That my understanding of history, philosophy, theology, all of the disciplines. In addition to my daily relationship with God and also the kind of marriage and family that I wanted to see built by God's grace. What I would do with my finances, my sexuality, my time, my identity. Everything was gonna start with Christ as the cornerstone and that's my encouragement and exhortation for each of you. And that's where I wanna begin, that the Bible tells us that Christ is our cornerstone and what I'm telling you is this. That historically when you would build something, particularly in the ancient world. You're using bricks or mason work or stones, whatever that cornerstone was, that was the most important and first principle. Everything would be stacked on it. If that cornerstone was off, eventually everything would be crooked. If that cornerstone crumbled, everything would fall. That ultimately, to build anything you've gotta start somewhere and where you start is incredibly important. So here's what Scripture says regarding our lives and all that we believe. 1 Peter 2:6-9. "For it stands in Scripture." He's gonna go back and quote

a verse from the Old Testament and Isaiah 28:16. "Behold I am laying." So who lays the cornerstone? God does, that's really important. If you build your life, your marriage, your family, your sexuality, your business, your church, your ministry, anything on a foundation other than the one that God laid, don't expect God to bless it. If God isn't building it, why should God be blessing it? If God is building it, then expect God to be blessing it. And oftentimes what happens is, we like to take a cornerstone and say, "God, my comfort. "I need you to build on that. "God my success, I need you to build on that. "God my reputation, I need you to build on that." And what happens is we try to hand God a cornerstone and build our life on it, He will not bless what He does not build. So to start, you gotta figure, "Okay, where do I start?" Let me just ask the simple question. For most of us, who or what is the cornerstone of our life? We are, I'm first. I'm the most important. Everyone and everything needs to serve me. God says, "No, I'm laying a cornerstone." And Zion is language for heaven and the kingdom of God and that's ultimately gonna be Jesus. The best thing is not to build your life on you. The best thing is to build your life on Him. And so he goes on, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, "a cornerstone chosen and precious. "Whoever believes in Him." So this cornerstone is a person, it's Jesus. It's a relationship with Him, shall not be put to shame. There are lots of people and things that are being built on other foundations that may even seemingly be profitable in this life but they will ultimately be put to shame. They will ultimately be put to shame. So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who disbelieve, the stone that the builders has rejected has become the cornerstone. What he's saying is the same cornerstone of Jesus Christ that you and I build our whole life on, some people look at that same cornerstone and what do they do? Reject it. How many of you know somebody and you've said, "Let me talk to you about Jesus." They're like, I understand I just reject. I don't care. I don't want Jesus in my sex life, I don't want Jesus in my financial life, I don't want Jesus in my spiritual life, I don't want Jesus in my emotional life. I don't want Jesus in my mental life. I don't want Jesus telling me what to do with my business. I don't want Jesus telling me what to do with my family. He's out, I'm in. I will not have him as my cornerstone. So for us, we need to ask this question. Am I going to accept or reject the cornerstone that God has given the person of Jesus Christ? And what we're talking about here is not just receiving Jesus so that you can go to heaven when you die. It's receiving Jesus so that you can build a life before you die and then go to heaven when you die. So I see some of you young guys in the room. Where do you start your marriage? Where do you start your family? Where do you start your career? Where do you start your business? And sometimes we tell people, "If you receive Jesus you'll go to heaven when you die." Which is great, but what if that's in 60 years? What if that's in 30 years? What do I do between now and then? How do I build a life that doesn't crumble or cause shame? How do I build a life that God is willing to bless because I'm building it on the cornerstone that He has chosen for me? This is the big architect in question. A stone of stumbling, some people trip over Jesus. They're offended. I don't like you know, I don't like God telling me what to do or telling me no and a rock of offense. Some people are offended by Jesus. He says He's the only way, that's super offensive. He says I'm a bad person, can you believe that? Your wife says yeah, I believe that. All right, I mean there are people that reject Jesus. There are people that trip over Jesus, there are people that are offended by Jesus and then there are those of us who see Him as the cornerstone and build our life on Jesus. So He goes on, "But you are, they stumble and they disobey the Word "as they

were destined to. "But you are a chosen race. "A royal priesthood, a holy nation. "A people for His own possession." That feels good right? "That you may proclaim the excellencies of Him "who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." What he's saying is, there are people who build their life on Jesus and people who do not. And this is the difference between just professing Christianity and practicing it. You could say I love Jesus but the question is, are you building your life on the cornerstone of Christ and so what I'm gonna do, is I'm gonna look at five alternatives because in our age and day, there is wide criticism of Christ and Christianity. Much of it is misrepresentation, misconstrued and misinformation. My goal is to debunk some of that. For some of you that are raising all your kids and all they're getting is an anti-Christian ideology in their education, I wanna bolster you. For those of you who are young people and you've just been brainwashed and forced a steady diet of shenanigans and nonsense about Christianity, I want to have you consider this question. Is there anything better than Christ and Christianity? And the other experiments that have been tried in history, did they build human flourishing or have they been put to shame? So we're gonna look at these in succession, this is gonna get super, super theoretical, philosophical, practical. The first is, what if instead of Jesus we choose karma and we build our religion, our culture, our society and our relationships on karma? What does that do for human life and flourishing? And what I'm telling you is, when it comes to building a life, when it comes to building a culture, pretty much all of the options have been tried. There's been enough social experiments, political, governmental experiments that we now know whether or not something works and what the outcome is. Karma is the concept that you have some sort of eternal debt that you have accrued through your, we would call it sin, that may not be the language that they would use. It's popular in religions like Hinduism. It tends to be an Eastern concept. Doesn't even necessarily have to include a personal God but it has this idea that you have shortcomings that accrue a debt to some cosmic force or source and that you need to somehow pay that debt back. Well how do you do that? You die, reincarnate and come back to suffer to pay off your debt. Now some people will say this all the time, well I do good things 'cause I believe in karma. What they are thinking is, "If I do good things, then good things happen to me." Well the truth is, that karma first of all, it causes us to have the inability to have empathy and compassion for others. Because if you are suffering, whose fault is it? It's yours. You must have done something bad in a past life for this life to be so painful. Your suffering is the way of paying off your debt, therefore if I were to do something kind or merciful the fittest and I'm more fit, then I win, you lose. All we are is an extension of the animal kingdom. Right, where the cheetah eats what it wants and the bunny has a bad day. And that's the way that the world works when you don't believe in equality before God. Well knowing this, one of the more popular, recent, postmodern philosophers is Richard Rorty and he is an atheist. He says this and I quote. "The idea of universal human rights." How many of you are for human rights? See, as humans we tend to be for these okay? Where do we get human rights from? Because if we've evolved and we're not equal, and if we do believe in the evolutionary theory and we'll get into that in a moment, then where does this sense of universal laws come from if there's not a universal lawgiver? Where's their sense of appealing to a higher justice if there's nothing higher? Every atheist who's angry is a hypocrite, that's what I'm saying. Every atheist who is picketing, protesting, hashtagging or just ranting is ultimately a hypocrite. Because they are appealing to universal laws and justice that they deny exist. So knowing this, Richard Rorty the

great atheistic, postmodern philosopher he says, and I quote. "The idea of universal human rights "was a completely novel concept in history." If I can read and you can't, do I want you to learn how to read? No, because that means all the contracts and legal agreements and land deals, I win, you lose. If I have an army and you don't, do I want you to have representation before the law? Nope. If there are no courts and I get to do to you whatever I want because I'm the dictator, do I want you to be or compassionate to you, to alleviate your suffering, what would I be doing? I would be negating your ability to pay off your karmic debt. I would be hurting you. This is why if you go to places like India and I've been there, there's things like the caste system is the logical result of karma. These people are better than these people. These people are poor and suffering because they're paying off their past karmic debt and we can't help them because we will mess up the repayment of their karma. That's why you don't get the Red Cross in India. It's why you don't get social justice in India. It's why you don't get mercy ministry or benevolence or empathy. It's why you have whole categories called the untouchables that they're not allowed to even be part of society and any kind act toward them is seen as a religious offense because you are undoing their punishment. This is the logical consequence of karma. If you wanna know what it looks like, just go to India, see the kids sitting in the sewer. See the people bathing in the rivers that are filled with sewage. See the people that are diseased and ridden with lots of physical maladies and no one is helping them and you'll just see what karma looks like in practice. And we in the West, we tend to look at it and say, "It's so Eastern and cool." Til you go there and you're like, "This is horrible." Because karma is a horrible thing for human flourishing. The other option is Islam. And Islam is now the fastest growing religion on the earth along with Christianity and the way that Islam works is it's through adherence to law. So it's obedience, it's self discipline and what that means is if you're not obeying, then I need to punish you to get you back in line. It's a fear-based punitive religious system and structure and it overtakes, ultimately Sharia law does under Islam all of life. So it doesn't matter whether or not you're Islamic, if you don't abide by the laws, then this oversight of Sharia law needs to punish you to put you in place. There's no such thing as religious diversity, religious freedom. In Islam, women generally are not considered equal citizens. In addition, oftentimes wives and children are treated as property without the same rights under the law. And it's rule of law, rule of might, rule of force and they will refer to non-Jews or excuse me, non-Muslims as pigs or monkeys. They consider us subhuman and insofar as the Jews go, there's great antisemitism within strict Islam and then for many within Islam, the greatest good is jihad. It's holy war, it's dying for the cause. Christianity is a religion of proposition. Islam is a religion of imposition. Christianity invites you to a relationship. Islam imposes upon you a system of laws and punishment. Wherever it goes, human rights go down, human flourishing goes down. Christianity, Islam and other religious freedoms go down. The treatment of women goes down. It does not increase human flourishing, it's a terrible cornerstone. In addition there is atheism. So we'll talk a little bit about this. And some would say, "Let's just build our life or our family or our society "on the cornerstone of atheism." And here's the results of what happened. In the 20th Century alone which was the high watermark of atheism historically, 170 million people were killed on planet earth by other human beings. 130 of the 170 million were killed by atheists. How many of you have heard from the atheists, "All the wars in the world are religious wars "and religious wars "are the cause of human suffering and death?" Well actually, statistically it's the atheists that kill everybody.

Statistically it would be Stalin who killed 40 million, Hitler who killed 15 to 16 million. Six million Jews plus nine to 10 million, including many Christians beyond that and Mao killed over 70 million in China. In addition, you add the billion people. Billion people, India, China, billion people. That number of people that have been killed through abortion and in our more recent years, we have become more adept at the taking of human life. The reason that atheism is a horrific cornerstone is it has no regard for human life and it regards no authority beyond human authority. One of the great historical atheistic philosophers was Friedrich Nietzsche. Some of you may have studied him in college, *God Is Dead*, *The Superman*. He says in *The Will to Power*, "Another Christian concept has passed "even more deeply into the tissue of modernity. "The concept of the equality of souls before God." So the great atheist philosopher says, "One problem that we have in the Western world, "we think that people are equal. "That's the part of Christianity "we're having a hard time getting rid of." What happens if you don't believe in the equality of people? There's no equality under law, there's no justice and I have a right to kill you and you have no right to oppose that because ultimately we're not equal and if it's might makes right and I'm stronger or survival of have any legal representation or a court system to appeal to? Of course not. In the history of the world, the people who are winning didn't want anything to change. That's what he's referring to. The idea of universal human rights was a completely novel concept in history, resting on the Biblical teaching that all human beings are created in the image of God. So they ask him, this atheist, this freeloading atheist Richard Rorty, "So you don't believe that people are equal, "that's a Christian concept. "So where in the world do we get any concept of law "or justice or human rights?" And he literally said, "I'm a freeloading atheist." What he's saying is, "My commitment to atheism gives me no basis for law "or justice or rights. "But something in me doesn't like that "so I borrow it from Christianity." Where does he get it? From the conscience that God gave him. Even if you deny there's a God, you still want certain things to be right and wrong like murder and stealing in case somebody wants to steal from you and kill you. We tend to argue against universal laws until they are violated and then we cry out to them for justice. That's because God made us in His image and likeness and Romans says in one and two, that He has written His law in creation externally and on our hearts or conscience internally. When something wrong happens we don't say, "Hey, we're just like the animal kingdom "and they do horrible things to each other." We say, "That's wrong and somebody needs to make it right." How about this then? If we go from karma to Islam to atheism to evolution. Evolution is the logical progression and the subsequent application of atheism. So you've heard of Charles Darwin right? Charles Darwin, you learned about him in school. He was the grandson of a preacher. He said that people live on a continuum from animals to human. So many of us in school we saw the evolutionary chart right? So here's an animal, and then there are various iterations of human beings until we get to us and it's what C.S. Lewis would call chronological snobbery. We're very evolved, they were very primitive. It's like, well we're killing more than they did. I'm not sure we've evolved, maybe we're got the chart backwards. Maybe we started as image-bearers and we're working our way back toward being animals. And so what he decided is that along this continuum, there are some that are fully human, some beings that are non-human and some that are partly human. In the United States of America, this led to a three-fifths compromise when it came to the Census. Okay there's white people, we know they're fully evolved and then there's animals, what do we do with the non-white people? Oh

they're three-fifths human. They count three-fifths for the Census, why? Because they're not as evolved as we are but they're not animals. They're somewhere on the continuum. There is historic systemic racism and I'm just telling you that it starts with evolutionary thinking, not Biblical thinking. And if evolutionary thinking is the cause of racism, then it can't be the remedy for racism. Amen?

- Amen.

- All right, both of you agree with me okay. Now what happens then within evolutionary theory, survival of the fittest. That's the way it works in the animal kingdom. Well if I'm fit and you're not, then I have the right to take your life. This is why even in our culture, people are like, "Oh if somebody has Down syndrome, "yeah we should kill them." We tend to think if somebody's not exactly the way that we are that there's something wrong with them, we don't consider the fact that God made them and He loves them and that they similarly bear His image as we do. In addition to the concept of might makes right, which just by the way, really puts, survival of the fittest and might makes right really puts women at a disadvantage. Because in a fistfight, most of the time the men are gonna win. In a war, men against women, the men are gonna win. Those who are atheistic, evolutionary feminists make no sense to me whatsoever. You're saying we're all animals, we all get to do whatever we want and the strong one wins. How is that pro-woman? How is that pro-woman? I have an 18-inch neck you know? I weigh twice what some women weigh. You know, and I'm not the biggest guy in the world. There are guys that look down on me. Raising daughters, I don't want them to be in a world where it's might makes right and my five foot two, 115 pound daughter just always has to lose because it's like the animal kingdom. Survival of the fittest, I don't just want those people who are healthiest, richest or strongest. That's not how the kingdom of God is. And the result then is natural selection. Every once in awhile, we need to thin the herd. We do that through war. We do that through abortion. We do that through birth control. We do that through population control. We do that by getting rid of those who are less fit. Oh they've got Down syndrome, they need to go. Oh they're poor, they need to go. They're uneducated, they need to go. And historically, this is exactly what happens in nations that are atheistic and evolutionary. Grace and I went to a concentration camp in Germany, we'll deal with that in a moment. They literally took us into this one area and they said, "Yeah this is where they burned all the people "that had mental disabilities." Okay, so you pass an IQ test you're okay. You don't pass an IQ test, we put you in an oven 'cause you're less fit and survival of the fittest. Therefore might makes right. I just get really sick of people who hate Jesus and cry out for justice and equality, my question is always, "Why?". How many of you have heard of Charles Darwin's book? Okay, what you were told the title of his landmark book was? "Survival of the Fittest". Here's the title. "On the Origin of Species". Okay, memory slipped. How many of you were told that the name of his book was "On the Origin of the Species"? That was part of the title. They edited it for you. Here's the full title. "On the Origin of Species "by the Means of Natural Selection "or the Preservation of Favoured Races "in the Struggle for Life". His title is, in the animal kingdom this is how it works. And in the human kingdom, it works the same way. Certain races are favored. That is, that is racism. That is systemic racism in the title. How many of you didn't get that in college? They didn't throw the

whole title up. They told you, "Oh no, the name of the book was "'On the Origin of the Species "'by Means of Natural Selection'. "'or the Preservation of Favoured Races "'in the Struggle for Life'?" Here's a quote from Charles Darwin. He was a racist, a complete racist. Here's what I'm telling you. Atheism leads to injustice and evolution leads to racism, that's what I'm telling you. So if you go to the college and all the atheists and evolutionists are arguing for justice and equality, they're all hypocrites. They make no sense. Okay they're borrowing and stealing all the best hits from the Bible. They're like, "Oh that love people, equality, justice." Hey you can't just borrow the greatest hits. You know it also says you're a sinner, you're going to hell and Jesus is Lord. So if we're gonna start quoting stuff, I say we take it or leave it but we don't edit it. Right, 'cause this is a boxed lunch. This is not a salad bar. All right, I like this, I don't like that. No it's a boxed lunch. You take it or leave it, that's how this thing works. Here's a quote from Charles Darwin. "At some future period, "not very distant as measured by centuries, "the civilized races of man "will almost certainly exterminate "and replace the savage races throughout the world." Civilized races versus savage races. Which one do you think he think the white race was? See, one of the greatest theologians in the history of America was a man named Jonathan Edwards and he said, "If you idolize, you demonize." If you idolize your race, what do you do to other races? You demonize them. That's what racism is. Instead of glorifying God, which all races can, should and do. It's glorifying me and if you're not like me, then I need to destroy you because I idolize me which means I need to demonize you because I am the standard for what we should look like. In Christianity, the standard is Jesus. We all should seek to follow His character. Okay so it's not idolize, demonize. It's creator, worshiper. It's a completely different paradigm. Well then what happens is Charles Darwin builds on this philosophy of atheism. He adds to it evolutionary theory and then along comes a man named Thomas Malthus. He took Darwinian evolutionary theory to its logical conclusion. He assumed that some races are more fit, some are less fit. Some are civilized, some are savage. Again, none of this is in the Bible. And I hear people all the time say, "I reject Christianity "because it's just a white man's Western religion." Actually, it's an Eastern religion and most of the people in it aren't white. All right, it's Africa, Asia, Middle East. All right, that's where most of that goes down. I mean there's nothing in here about Pittsburgh, I mean it's just not there right? And so what happens is Thomas Malthus adds to this evolutionary, atheistic ideology and he comes up with this scarcity of resources. Meaning that there is a population limiter on the planet and that we're gonna run out of resources and the entire human race is going to become extinct. Therefore it gives us a moral imperative to have population controls and limits. How many of you have heard this? It's going on right now. Oh well we don't have enough food, we don't have enough shelter, we don't have enough water, we don't have enough natural resources. You know we're on a boat, the boat is sinking. We're gonna have to throw some people off the boat. Let's find the less fit people. Oh it just so happens they're not like me. Thankfully all the fit people are just like me. So all the fit people like me, grab all the unfit people unlike me and we throw them off the boat so that we can be saved. And that becomes the emotional trajectory of human history. The result then becomes sterilization. You're a less fit race, we need to sterilize you. You can't populate the earth. Forced abortion, infanticide, murder and birth control. These people can't add people into the future. We only have room for a certain number of people, we don't want their kind. I'm saying that there is deep, systemic, demonic racism and it doesn't come from Christianity. Well,

this leads to Nazi Germany. The thoughts of atheism, added to the thoughts of evolution added to the thoughts of Thomas Malthus and population controls leads to a social and governmental experiment in Nazi Germany where they determined that certain people are less fit, certain people are more fit. They have the master race and then they have the other races. So then they just start taking millions of people and putting them in ovens and gas chambers and killing them. And you say, "Why could you do that?" Well, because if you think that human beings are evolved and they're just animals. I guess you could do that to people in the same way that a chicken farmer can take the lives of a bunch of chickens. It's not at the same moral offense. All right, how many of you go hunting and you feel differently about that than if you shot a person? All right if you're out bow hunting and you hit a deer, and if you miss and hit a guy, you feel differently about hitting the guy than you do the deer because you assume that the guy is an image bearer of God. Well if you think that the guy and a deer are both animals than you have the same moral response. It's heartless, it's cruel. It's godless, it's demonic and that's what happens. So Nazi Germany becomes an experiment in social evolution. If some are more fit and some are less fit, if we could get rid of the less fit. If we could take all the resources and have the more fit, then we could create the Uberman. We could create the most evolved race of all. Clear of all this impure genetic contribution and removing all of these restraints with money and energy that is required to take care of those who are less fit. And then there was a woman named Margaret Sanger who also became enamored with atheism, evolution, the thoughts of Thomas Malthus and also the experiments in Nazi Germany. Shortly after the World War, she decides you know, we can't just do concentration camps in America, so instead we'll do clinics. All clinics are are little concentration camps. She founded something called what? Planned Parenthood. In our cancel culture, I can't believe that she has not been canceled yet. In 1933 she published the Planned Parenthood magazine, it's in your notes called "Birth Control Review". She published in that issue this, and I quote, this article. It was titled "Eugenic Sterilization: An Urgent Need". Eugenic sterilization, less fit people, we need to sterilize them against their will because we can't have people like them making more people like them. "Eugenic Sterilization: An Urgent Need" by Ernst Rudin. He was Hitler's director of genetic sterilization and founder of the Nazi Society for Racial Hygiene. Planned Parenthood is fundamentally a demonic, murderous, racist organization funded by taxpayers in the name of providing services to women, half of the people whom they murder are female. That same year, she also published an article from EA Whitney titled, "Selective Sterilization" and praised and defended Nazi racial programs. She basically said, "They did this in Germany, we need to do this in America. "This is working very well." So Planned Parenthood, do you think that they were put in the neighborhoods of the people who were more fit or the people who were less fit? So Planned Parenthoods go into the poorest neighborhoods, like the one I grew up in. I grew up in a poor, first generation, immigrant, working class neighborhood. It was right next to an airport. People land from around the world, it was international airport. They get off the plane, that's where they live. They don't have any friends, family, relatives. They don't know the culture, they don't know the language, they don't know the people. So guess what, the kind of place that I grew up is where the clinics went. It's where the clinics went. So to this day, you're not gonna see a lot of Planned Parenthood clinics in highly affluent, highly successful neighborhoods. They tend to be in the poorer neighborhoods. In addition, 29% of the U.S. population is Black and

Hispanic. 55% of U.S. abortions are Black and Hispanic. To this day, the clinics are just little concentration camps put in neighborhoods to do the same thing that the big concentration camps would do in Germany, to do it on a smaller scale so that it's less visible and reprehensible but to get rid of the less fit races. It's why every time I see somebody who's pro choice and anti-God and atheistic and they're just yelling about rights and justice and I just, my head just explodes. Like this makes no sense whatsoever. Here's what Margaret Sanger said, the founder of Planned Parenthood, quote. "Birth control appeals to the advanced radical "because it is calculated to undermine "the authority of the Christian churches. "I look forward to seeing humanity freed some day "from the tyranny of Christianity no less than capitalism." Here's what she said, "Here's my goal. "I wanna get rid of all the minority groups, "Christianity and capitalism." The spirit of Margaret Sanger lives today. Now she may be gone but the demonic spirit that inspired her, it continues and many carry forth her platform and they would use it under the guise and the auspices of justice and law and equality and choice. It's hypocrisy, it's murder, it's idolatry. Now what happens historically, Marxism is a failed experiment. Communism, Marxism, all founded on atheism is a failed experiment. Marxism promises to distribute wealth, all it does is distributes poverty. Okay, and so what happens historically is wherever Marxism goes, Marxism fails. Wherever evolutionary theory goes and I'm putting evolutionary theory and Marxism together because they're inextricably connected. Atheism is the view about God and then Marxism is trying to create some sort of governmental system without any acknowledgement of God. The problem becomes that the governmental system becomes the defacto god and the nation becomes a defacto kingdom. It's all a demonic counterfeit 'cause everything God creates, Satan counterfeits. So the result in more recent years has not been a head on pressing of Marxism but instead another alternative and that would be social or cultural Marxism 'cause the economic theory of Marxism doesn't work and it's disproven itself repeatedly. There's no people in America who are wishing they could move into a Marxist economy. There are people in Marxist economies that are wishing they could move into a capitalist economy. So instead, what happens then at the universities is cultural or social Marxism. Now it holds to the same underlying principles of atheism, evolutionary theory, different people and groups being more and less fit and it's ultimately built on the transfer of wealth and power. The point of cultural Marxism is that they would say that certain races or people groups that have been privileged have built all of the institutions that now exist, education, government, law, family, gender, sexuality, police force, military might. That certain people in privilege and in power have used and abused to create systems to perpetuate their power, therefore justice is the dismantling of the systems and handing all over of the wealth and the power to those who previously did not have it. And so it becomes in the name of justice, we need to dismantle the police department. In the name of justice we need to dismantle the government. In the name of justice we need to dismantle the economy. In the name of justice we need to dismantle gender. In the name of justice we need to dismantle family. And these become all the academic disciplines in the university. And if you wonder what holds this whole agenda together, it's social Marxism and what I'm telling you is critical theory. Critical theory is a philosophy that was also invented in Germany, right before all of the Nazi experiment and within critical theory is that there are certain people that are more fit, certain people that are less fit. The more fit made the institutions. They are using and abusing us. Therefore justice is through

violence and force to overtake those institutions, to displace those people of their wealth and their power and have the minority group come in their place. This was tried and it's why the Jews were treated the way they were. They didn't tell you this at the state university. This is the underlying fact of critical theory. If you look at Nazi Germany and you ask, "How in the world could they treat people like that?" I mean take Jewish people, not even treat them as human. Manual labor, separate families, put them into gas chambers, use them for untold medical experiments. I don't know if you know this, many, many, many of the engineering and medical advances in our modern world was because there was no human rights and everything was tested on Jewish people and other groups in Germany. We put diseases in them to see what would happen. We would perform surgeries on them to see what would happen. Human rights didn't come until after Nazi Germany and they were led by a little Jewish guy who understood that our God is a God of laws and they apply to all people and the government isn't the highest law. So he was appealing to God over government. If you ever look at Nazi Germany, you say, "How could they do that?" Because they determined that the Jews were the privileged and if they are the privileged, then they have abused and used their power and therefore justice is to dismantle Judaism and to take their lives and to take their wealth and to redistribute their power. Does this make sense? How many of you never heard this? It's 'cause the university's filled with a bunch of liars.

- Amen.

- Okay? I mean, at the end of the day, what they are saying is we need to take these people that are privileged and we need to dismantle them and we need to redistribute everything, and the question is, "Well has that ever happened?" Yeah, it happened to Jewish people. It happened to Jewish people. That's why with critical theory and with Marxism and with social and cultural Marxism often comes antisemitism. It's deep in the root system. And what makes it then is this other concept within critical theory is intersectionality. The more groups that you are a part of, the greater disadvantaged you are. Therefore the better right you have to overthrow government and law and to loot and to take whatever you think is rightfully yours. So let's say you were in a, let's say you were non-white. Okay, now you're in a minority group. Now you're a person who is a female. Now you're double intersectionality. Now you're a transgender female. Now you're triple intersectionality. Therefore you are the most oppressed, they have the greatest right to riot at the greatest degree and to dismantle institutions and to reallocate wealth and power all in the name of justice. What I'm telling you is that right now, America is in the middle of a massive social experiment of social and cultural Marxism, critical theory, at least a critical race theory, critical gender theory, critical political theory, critical economic theory. In Christianity we call it liberation theology. It's got a history and part of the reason that it became so popular in Germany, what happened in World War One? Did the Germans win or lose? They lost and they were humiliated. So they came to the decision that they were being oppressed by the other nations. Therefore in the name of justice, they needed to topple the other nations, redistribute the power and then redistribute the wealth. World War Two was the logical conclusion of social cultural Marxism, critical theory, intersectionality. We've seen it. And then we send kids to university and they are told that it was the bright shining moment in world history and needs to

be repeated. And in Christian theology and I know this is going on the internet. I'll probably have to wear a helmet on Sunday but what certain Christians will do, they will hear of injustice and the need for justice and they will sell the message of the church and the pulpit of Jesus Christ to this counterfeit, false Gospel that then promises liberation, life and human flourishing but has never delivered it because Satan is the father of lies. So someone will come along and say, "Pastor Mark, "are you saying that there isn't systemic racism?" There is. "Are you saying that there are not unjust social systems?" I'm saying there are. And I'm saying if you don't build with Jesus as the cornerstone, whatever you tear down and replace it with only makes it worse. Okay, but if Jesus isn't the cornerstone and any of these other cornerstones exist, ultimately there isn't human life and flourishing. This is not a planet that anyone wants to live on. So here's what I'm saying and I've got pages of notes. I can't even believe I was thinking I could get through any of this. Here's what I'm telling you. If you don't pick Jesus, you gotta pick someone or something and if you don't pick Jesus, whatever you pick ain't gonna work. How's that for simple okay right? Jesus works, nothing else works. Jesus works, nobody else works and some of you say, "Oh but they told us it'll work." They're liars, it's been tried elsewhere, it doesn't work. It doesn't work. So let me just hit this biblically. Biblically here's the case for equality. Genesis 1:27-28, you guys know the verse. "God created man in His own image, "in the image of God He created him. "Male and female, He created them. "And God blessed them and God said to them, "'Have dominion.'" You're above the animals, you have dominion. Male and female are what? Equal. Black and white, equal. Young and old, equal. Rich and poor, equal. Healthy and sick, equal. You know what it is? Everybody bears God's image and likeness, equal. If you don't believe God made you, you have no basis for equality. We don't have equal intelligence, we don't have equal income. We don't have equal health. We have a lot of things that are different. The one thing that is the same. God made us all in His image and likeness. That's the basis for human equality. It's not something that we achieve, it's something that we receive. The result then is that God rules through laws. This is what's awesome about God. The first five books of the Old Testament is called the Pentateuch. Penta means five, book in five parts. It's also called the Book of the Law. It has 614 laws. The big idea is God rules through laws, you know why? Laws treat everybody equally. If you have one king in this country and one king in this country, they each do what they want. If you have a king over them both, that makes the same rules for everybody. Our king is Jesus. So here's what the Bible says. Leviticus 19:15. "Do not show partiality for the poor "or favoritism to the great." God's saying, "Hey here's how I see it. "The rich, those are my kids and the poor are my kids. "So don't give any advantages to the rich "and certainly don't make them obey rules "that you're not going to apply equally "across the board to all people." Proverbs 28:21, "Showing partiality, when is that good?" Never good. Oh I like their race, that's partial. I like their income, partial. I like their gender, partial. Partiality is never good. James 2:1, "My brothers show," how much partiality? No partiality, that's Jesus' brothers. You hold the faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. In the early church a lot of the people that came in were slaves. Because much of the Roman Empire were slaves. It's like when you come into the church that's part of the kingdom of God. They may not treat you equal out there but you're treated equal in here. That's why Christianity has always seen women and people who are marginalized or outcast or poor or whatever, be attracted to Christianity because it's the one place on planet earth where you're not just equal, you're my brother. We're family. It's more than

just equality. It's actually family. So you know, all of a sudden God's like, outside of the church, these people are all on different teams. In the church, they're all on the same team. Team Jesus, they're family. No partiality, total equality and you're brothers, you love each other. You work it out. Colossians 3:11, "Here there is neither Jew nor Greek." And they really didn't like each other. "Circumcised and uncircumcised." I don't know how they figured that out. "Barbarian, Scythian, slave, free, "but Christ is all in all." What he's saying is here in the church, we do things differently. Whatever your label is, leave it at the door. We're all family, belong to Jesus here. Okay? Now I'm not saying that we always act this out perfectly or consistently but this is God's standard that we need to aspire to okay? Unlike atheism where it just says we're not equal. And partiality is inevitable. The Bible says that we are equal and that we should be family and partiality is never acceptable. Next slide. God's path to equality, let me hit this really quick. This is a huge summary of Biblical theology but all people are created by God as full image bearers. I showed you that in Genesis 1. There is one race made up of all nations and cultures descended from Adam and Eve. If we trace the family tree according to the Bible back, where do we start? One man, one woman. The rest of us, that's our family. So even when I hear people say things like, "Well there's a lot of conflict between the races." According to the Bible there's one race, the human race. There's one race, the human race. I mean again, if you've traced the family tree back, it cul-de-sacs, it one guy and one gal. That's it. Every person is a sinner. Every system is affected by human sin. There's no perfect government. There's no perfect family. There's no perfect education which means number one, we need to be humble. And number two, we always gotta try and do better. When it comes to issues of race or justice or class, everything is imperfect because we're sinners. Everything we create, every system we make is infected, affected by human sin. Nothing is perfect. We can always do better. We can always do better, we need to do better. Especially how we treat one another. Number four, God establishes laws to provide for equality for all people. When it says, "Thou shalt not murder" it doesn't say unless you're a landowner which in the ancient world, if you were a landowner, a bunch of laws didn't apply to you because you got to vote and non-landowners didn't. It doesn't say you need to do this or that unless you're a man. Because men own women as property and women don't have the same rights as men. That's how it worked in the first century. Everybody under God's laws should receive equality under God's laws. Even this whole concept of laws, you just need to know it's a Biblical concept that people steal. All right, look at ancient religions, moral codes. They don't have full systems of law generally governing the behavior of the people. That comes from God. That's why I get so frustrated when people deny God, they're evolutionists, they're Marxists, they're cultural Marxists, they're pro-abortionists and then something happens they're like, "We're very angry." And they're appealing to some law that they deny exists. "We hate laws, hey we need one. "Let's borrow it." Well make up a mind. Right, either be for law or against law *but don't be for justice for you and no justice for me. Don't say that you get to appeal to law when it is comfortable or convenient and that when I appeal to law, you deny that law exists. That's abusive law. God's people are a new, excuse me. Number six. I love this one. God's kingdom is the pattern for justice and social order for those in and under authority. If all you believe is that we live and die and we don't stand before God, then all you have as the vision of the way things should be is the way things are. We believe in the kingdom of God, therefore as we look to the kingdom of God, we realize that's what a perfect, just, loving

society should look like. Therefore, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We wanna try and have things here look more like there. So it gives us a vision and what we see in the kingdom, revelation. All the nations, cultures, languages, tribes around the throne, worshipping Jesus, global, multicultural. All right, the kingdom of God is very different than our nations. God's family and God's people are called a chosen race and a new man. In the Bible it says there's Jew versus Gentile and what He says is in the church, I've made a new category, team Jesus. The chosen race, the new man. You walk in, you say, "Are you Jew or a Gentile?" I'm a Christian, I'm a Christian. Okay new team. Before that, they had two teams. Jew, Gentile. Then third team, Jesus. Made up of people who were on two previous teams. You now leave team Jew, you leave team Gentile. You come over to team Jesus. Once you join team Jesus, these things may explain you but only a relationship with Jesus defines you. Changes everything. That's why a Christian racist makes no sense whatsoever. It means they're still identifying themselves by their birth, not by their new birth. They don't even understand salvation. Leadership in the church is based upon character, not social factors. In our day, can you be poor and President? No. Do you know how much it takes to run for office? It's why we keep getting the same handful of families. You know people be like, "Anybody can be President." No, no it's expensive. I mean Kanye's trying, he can't afford it. It's really expensive. In the church, it's not how much money you make. It's not how much education you have. It's how much character you have. That's why in the Bible, there are people like, well I won't get into all the deets. But there are people in the Bible that they are slaves but in the church they are pastors and leaders. Because the kingdom of God determines by character whereas the culture will determine by other variables and factors. And lastly, Christianity has the most diversity of any movement in the history of the world. Billions of people on planet earth worship Jesus as God today. Saint Patrick was a slave who then got free and fought against slavery as a Christian pastor. The historian Rodney Stark says that slavery ended in Medieval Europe, only because the church extended its sacraments to slaves and then managed to impose a ban on the enslavement of Christians and Jews. William Wilberforce was a Christian who opposed secularist evolutionists and fought for freedom of African slaves in Great Britain. I interviewed Dr. Wayne Grudem who lives here in the Valley and he said that two thirds of the leader of the American abolitionist movement were Christians. Abraham Lincoln was a Christian, loved Jesus. Rosa Parks was a dear Christian, she loves Jesus. She loved Jesus okay? They don't tell you that in all the stories. Jackie Robinson was a Christian who loved Jesus. I watched the whole story with my family of Jackie Robinson. My boys love baseball and I wanted them to hear the story of this great brother in Christ who endured horrible evil and he did so with tremendous character and they never told us he was a Christian in the whole movie. At the end I told my boys I was like, "He loved Jesus, they left that part out. "That's why he did all of that and acted like that." He's an incredible man but because he followed Jesus. That's what made him an incredible man. He manifested the character and convictions of Christ. And again, what we do is we make testimonies into biographies. A biography is about what I did. A testimony is about what He did. And God will give people testimonies and then history rewrites them as biographies. So we hear about how great they were and we don't hear anything about their relationship with their great God and as Christians we need to admire and appreciate but when you see a Martin Luther King or you see a Rosa Parks or you see a Jackie Robinson, realize

they love Jesus and they're working from Biblical convictions. And ultimately, they're seeking to honor God and their brothers and sisters, part of the family of faith. And it just pains me so much that we will take some extraordinary people that have done some extraordinary things and then neglect the thing that was most important to them and that was their relationship with Jesus 'cause if they were gonna tell us one thing, what do you think they'd tell us? They'd tell us about Jesus. That being said, only Christianity brings life. That's where I'm going. The thief Jesus says, God creates, Satan counterfeits. Satan steals. "The thief only comes to steal, kill and destroy. "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." I gonna now do the impossible. We usually do Q and A, we won't do it. I hope you brought a snack if you're diabetic. You may wanna exit. So I have three pages of notes. I am one minute over time and I'm gonna give you the history of the world. Okay so here we go. Okay, you get what you pay for. This is a free lecture, lower your expectations. Okay, here we go. First with children. In the ancient world, children were the property of their father with no legal rights. He could kill them, you could not call the police. In the ancient world, child sacrifice and child abandonment were common. Just like today in China by the way. Jesus became a child, He loved children. He told us to be like children. Jesus was adopted by Joseph as a child and Christians were the ones who started adopting all of the abandoned and discarded children in the first century. Adoption and foster care tends to be deep in the heart of God's people because our God became a child and was adopted. Education, Didymus the Blind invented Braille in the fourth century. In 797 AD, priests were sent from the Catholic church to open schools and it was the first mass educational effort. Parents were told, pay whatever you can because this is a ministry. The printing press was invented by the Christian Johanne Gutenberg and created what we now as literacy in the Western world. The Bible was the first book ever widely published. It's the most translated, read, distributed piece of literature, book, in the history of the world. Christians have led the formation of language around the globe. It's because we want the word of God in the languages of the people so that they can read the word of God for themselves. So not only has Christianity very much been involved in education, it has also been inclusive in trying to create languages for people that don't even have a written language. In addition, wherever the Protestant Reformation spread, literacy spread. Because we were people of the book. In the 1500s, John Calvin opened one of the first free schools. This became a university and the beginning of higher education. Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale, Princeton and more were all started by Christians to honor Christ. In the first 217 years from the landing of the Puritans in America to 1837, nearly all education in America was private and Christian. If you watch some of the old Little House on the Prairie episodes and you see them going into the school Monday through Friday and go into the same building for church on Sunday, now you know why. Most of the first 123 colleges and universities were founded by Christians including Harvard, Yale, William and Mary, Brown, Princeton, NYU and Northwestern. By the turn of the 20th century, largely non-Christian nations such as India and China had a literacy rate from zero to 20%. Primarily Catholic nations had a literacy rate of 40 to 60%. Largely Protestant nations had literacy ranging from 94 to 99%. Everybody who goes to university to learn how to fight against Jesus should thank Jesus for the university. Public education didn't become popular in America until Thomas Dewey and Horace Mann took education, made it a public issue and they were two of the signers of the Humanist Manifesto. They believe in the underlying tenets of atheism, cultural

Marxism and also in, in ultimately what would be evolutionary theory. And what they realized was if the Christians keep educating everybody, they're gonna think Biblically. We need to take it out of the hands of the church, put it in the hands of the state to prepare children to grow up to be good citizens of the state and not rebel against the state with the beliefs of the Bible. In science, sciences requires a worldview of laws, order, repeatable consistency. Some worldviews will teach that matter is an illusion. Others will teach that it is random chaos. Christianity says that God made the world orderly and as a result, we can have scientific method because water boils today and tomorrow at the exact same temperature because there is a God who governs the universe and rules it by natural law and order. The Christian worldview also guards against the closed system of naturalism, allowing both science and spirituality. If you believe that there is no such thing as natural laws, then life has chaos. That's why in those more primitive places, you don't have evolution 'cause you don't have scientific method. If all you have is scientific method, proving and reproving, testing and retesting, it leaves no possibility of the supernatural violating the natural laws. So you tend to have worlds that are scientific or supernatural, Christianity is both. It believes that God ordered the world and occasionally He can break the laws 'cause He's the lawgiver and when He breaks the orders of natural law, we call it a miracle and He's free to do so. Government, the Bible teaches that all authority is derivative. So ultimately the king or the ruler is not in authority. God is in authority and all authority is derivative authority. It comes down from the throne in heaven. As I told you repeatedly, the Bible teaches rule of law and justice for all. The Bible also teaches private property rights and in the 10 Commandments it says thou shalt not steal. What that means is, it's not yours. Communist governments don't believe that. They believe that the government has right to everything and can distribute accordingly. All that is is stealing by elected officials or by those who receive some sort of position. When the government steals, it's still stealing. When the government still steals, it's still stealing. The Bible teaches that work is a sacred matter to be done unto the Lord leading to something called a Protestant work ethic. Leading to something called the flourishing of the Western world. The Bible teaches human sinfulness and checks and balances. That's why we have and we do not have a perfect governmental system and I'm just telling you, even if we had a perfect governmental system, sinners would ruin it. Okay, I mean this is perfect and I've seen a lot of people butcher it and so just because it's perfect, if you put in the hands of people who are imperfect, imperfect results will come out. But this is why we have checks and balances because we do believe and know that people are sinners and you can't just give all the power to one group. The Bible is also replete with examples of godless political tyrants. They're demonic, Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, Herod and Nero. Herod and Nero. So what we learn is, hey don't just salute. Don't just bow down. Don't just say, "Caesar is Lord." Those are bad guys, Jesus is Lord. And the Bible also teaches however, respect for government. Tells us in Romans 13 to obey the governing authorities. It shows us in Acts where civil disobedience is also a possibility under certain cases. So there's tension and balance. The Bible also tells us that Jesus obeyed the laws until those who were enforcing the law wanted Him to stop preaching the Gospel and then He practiced civil disobedience and He also paid His taxes. God paid His taxes to a government that murdered Him. Tells you something about government. It cares more about profit than Jesus. Hospitals, it's amazing. We've had a pandemic, everybody's worried about the hospitals. It's a good thing we had Jesus otherwise we wouldn't have hospitals. Jesus cared for

the whole person. He not only forgave sin in the soul, He also healed the body and He did miracles. The primary contributor of content is the New Testament is Luke. He wrote Luke and Acts. He's a medical doctor, he's Dr. Luke. In the ancient world, hospitals were for rich people who could afford them. They were not for poor people, you get what you pay for. In 325 AD the Christian Council of Nicea convened and they decreed that wherever a church was planted, a hospital needed to be opened so that you could minister to the soul and the body. You know God cares about your body, that's why He's gonna rise up from the dead. It's why Christians care about medicine, mercy. Today, many Christian names will be found in hospitals. How many of you have been to a Baptist hospital, Presbyterian hospital, a Catholic hospital. It means that they are funded or underwritten or supported by Christian ministries. The Red Cross, do you like the Red Cross? It was founded by a Christian and it's not an accident that he put a cross as the logo. Henry Dunant wanted everybody to know, we're coming to bring you the love of Jesus. Charity, how many of you believe in charity? Charity's a good thing, it's where we help people in need. If you believe in evolution, you don't do that. If you believe in karma, you don't do that. If you believe in Jesus, you do that. Jesus was poor and He did miracles to feed the poor. The Bishop Basil the great, he's the one who started soup kitchen, food banks and homeless shelters. That was started by a Christian bishop, spread through the churches. Christians consistently give more to charity than any other group. Bernie Sanders gave 3.4% to charity. Kamala Harris gave 1.4% to charity. Joe Biden gave 1.8% to charity. If my kids did that, I'd spank 'em and they're bigger than me. My kids, starting in elementary school gave more than 10%. Because I worship a God who gave 100%. And if you believe that it is the job of God's people to give mercy and love, you don't just vote for people to tax other people to give away the money as an act of mercy. Mercy is not voting for people to take money from other people to do nice things. Mercy is you making a sacrifice to do things out of love for others. In the arts, Dante, Chaucer, Donna, Dostoevsky, Bunyan, Milton, Dickens, Hans Christian Andersen, Tolstoy, T. S. Eliot, C.S. Lewis, Tolkien, Sayers, Solzhenitsyn, all Christians who wrote. It's crazy. Whole movie done on Tolkien's life, didn't tell us he was a Christian. That's crazy. That's like if we did a whole movie on swimming, we never showed water. That's amazing that we didn't think it was pertinent to the storyline. What, okay okay. Okay. In the visual arts, Michelangelo, Raphael, Leonardo da Vinci. All of the Ninja Turtles were Christians who depicted Jesus. In the realm of music, Bach, Handel, Vivaldi, all Christians. Today, worship is a genre of music. Fill stadiums, airwaves, churches. Christians have more music than anybody. How about women? In India, they have something called Sati. That means the wife is the property of the husband. And when the husband dies, her reason to exist ceases to exist. So when he dies, she has no reason to be alive and so what she will do then is she will burn herself alive at the husband's funeral. In the ancient world, women were the property of the husband. No legal rights. You couldn't testify in court, you couldn't own land. A woman couldn't, couldn't file for divorce. Could a husband in the ancient world file for divorce? Yeah, not a wife. She had no legal rights to leave. He could beat, abuse and rape her. She had no legal rights and could not file for divorce. In the ancient world, female infanticide was common. Ah we wanted a boy, we got a girl, we'll kill that one. Still happens in places like China. William Carey and Amy Carmichael were missionaries who fought against slavery for boys and prostitution for girls because if you take a child and you leave it out on the garbage heap to be picked up which is what people did, some

would take the boys and make them slaves, otherwise would take the girls and make them prostitutes. Missionaries came along and made them children of God because they bear the image and likeness of God. Jesus also had close friendships with women like Mary and Martha. They were like sisters to Him. You could see in the Bible, He often goes to their house and He has a meal. He's friends with them. He meets with a woman caught in adultery. He's very forgiving and kind to her. He sits down with an outcast Samaritan woman. She was the product of a incestuous line. She's part of a demonic cult. She's there in the middle of the day all by herself 'cause nobody wants to be near her and Jesus sits down and He says, "I love you, I'll forgive ya." And she goes into Samaria and becomes the first evangelist, the great evangelist in the New Testament. Jesus gave women dignity. In addition, when Jesus is being crucified He looks and He honors His mother. "Take care of my mom." The first witnesses at the empty tomb of Jesus were women who couldn't legally testify in court. We looked at that in the resurrection lecture. That if it was a falsified story they wouldn't have women as eyewitness testimony but it was Jesus' way of honoring women. They were there first 'cause they were most devoted to Him. Jesus had women in His winner circle. Jesus trained women in theology and ministry and you need to know that was very controversial and to many it was offensive in that day. Wherever Christianity has spread, care for women and children has increased. If you don't believe me, go to a place where Christianity has not spread and look at what men do to women and children. It's horrifying. The early church was largely female because it was the most liberating place for women. Today 60% of church attenders are female. And the Bible has a lot more to say to husbands than anything else. If you read the ancient moral codes in various societies, it doesn't tell the husbands love your wives, serve them, sacrifice, die for them. It doesn't say that. In fact it has a lot of things for the wife to do, nothing for the husband to do. The Bible, totally the opposite. That's why early on, a lot of men hated the Bible because it told them, so if you get up in the church okay love your wife, be faithful, don't commit adultery, don't be harsh, don't be considerate, all those guys, they're not really excited. 'Cause up until this point, they're like some domineering overbearing god abusing their wife and kids. And now God is saying, "No I'm a father, "that's my daughter, things are gonna change." The result then is lastly, Christianity has had the greatest impact in history on family. One of the leading sociologists on marriage, men and family is Bradford Wilcox. He is a sociologist at the University of Virginia. He runs the National Marriage Project. Every year when Father's Day comes, it tends to be his work that is released in the news and in the media. He culminated with the largest study of men, marriage and family in the history of the nation and it's called "Soft Patriarchs, New Men". It's a sociological survey. Let me just summarize it in summary. The best marriages are Christians. Bible-believing, Jesus-loving, church-attending, prayer-uttering Christians. The highest divorce rate is two people who practice different religions 'cause if Christ isn't the cornerstone, what happens? The house falls down. If Christ is the cornerstone, the odds are the house is gonna stay up. It's very practical. Now there has been falsified information based upon an erroneous data survey that was released that said that Christians have the same divorce and adultery and abuse rate as everybody else. How many of you read that? It's not true. They asked, "Are you a Christian or non-Christian?" They didn't ask, "Do you practice your faith?" You can profess a faith that you do not practice. Judas did. All right. So what they then determined was that they needed to ask people, not only do you say you're a Christian but do you live as a Christian. Let

me just say this. How many of you have a gym membership but don't work out? Are there any benefits to the gym membership if you don't work out? No, for some of us it's like a tax for me being lazy. I feel bad being lazy, I'm not gonna go work out. So I pay a tax to the gym and it's just my tax for being lazy okay? If you have a gym membership and you don't go to the gym, it doesn't benefit you. If you say you're a Christian but you don't live as one, it doesn't benefit you. You're not exercising your faith. Okay, so then what he did, he came along and he followed up on this erroneous data point survey and he asked questions like, "How often do you read the Bible?" "How often do you pray together?" "How often do you go to church?" Christians that not only professed by practiced their faith, had the lowest divorce rates of any group. Had the lowest domestic violence rates of any group. Had the highest marital satisfaction scores of any group. Had the highest sexual frequency and activity, write that down of any group and also the husbands were the most emotionally present, the wives were the most loved and cherished and the children were the most invested in. Bradford Wilcox is not a Protestant, Evangelical Christian. He's a Catholic. If his data was skewed, you'd think his team would've been the winning team but it's not. It's the Bible-believing, Jesus-loving, church-attending Christians. Spirit-filled, born again, Protestant Evangelical family. Here's what I'm telling you. Anything that's built on Jesus as the cornerstone is considerably different than anything that's not built on Jesus as the cornerstone. And when it comes to your life and your family, what you're going to live in, if it's built on anything other than Jesus as the cornerstone, it is going to be a brutal place to live and eventually it's going to fall down and come to shame. If it is built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ, that family, that life has much greater propensity. It is not a guarantee because of human sin and demonic attack but there is a much higher propensity for human life and flourishing where the house is built with Jesus as the cornerstone. Here's what I'm telling you. Jesus changed the world. No one has ever done anything even in the same stratosphere. Every other attempt to build anything apart from Jesus has proven to not only fail, but to hurt the people whom Jesus loves okay? So if you love Jesus, you should feel really joyful about that. If you're trying to build your life on the cornerstone, you should feel very hopeful about that and when you hear people criticizing Christ and Christianity, I think the fair answer is, what's your idea of a better option? Show me something that works better than Jesus. Take me to the atheistic country where everybody loves each other, right? Take me to the evolutionary country where all the races are treated equally. Take me to the Sharia law nation and show me where people who do not agree are treated with love, grace and dignity and patience. Take me to the place where they believe that we're just highly evolved animals and see how much charity is happening okay? Father God thank you for a chance to teach a really long message, crazy long. Ridiculously long. God, I could go for another 17 hours and I might. But God, when we're talking about the difference that Jesus has made in history, everything on planet earth is better because of Jesus and if Jesus didn't come, everything would be different and everything would be worse. And so Lord, Jesus we know that this is a broken planet. We are broken people, we have broken relationships. Broken governments, broken families, broken businesses, broken systems. God, if we took Jesus out of history, if we took the Bible, if we took the Holy Spirit, if we took the church and it was gone, Lord God this would be hell. This would be hell right now and there are days that it feels like hell, despite Jesus, despite the church, despite the Holy Spirit and despite the Scripture. And so God, as there is a great assault and attack on Christianity and

the mockers and the scoffers are just getting louder by the minute, let us have full confidence. Not in ourselves but in our Christ. Let us continue to stack up our lives, our marriages, our families and our futures on the cornerstone of Jesus. And Jesus thank you that we trust that promise from Isaiah 28:16 that if we build on the cornerstone, when all is said and done we will not be put to shame. And it's because we'll be with the Savior in whose name we pray, amen. Love you guys, thanks for hanging in there for a deep one.