

GodConnects

Hope Lutheran New Member Class

1 – Why Jesus?

The big human obstacle that every human culture in history has come up against: death.



Humanly-devised religion deals with the problems we face, especially the problem of death, through denial or achievement.

How is the message of the Christian faith – the Gospel – different from every other religion in the world?

It is the only religion that teaches that God comes as Savior/Rescuer and does everything to make us right with Him. The work of Jesus – His life, His death, His resurrection for us – sets the message of Christianity apart from every other religious narrative on earth.

Two religions exist in the world

Those who say, “Doing it.”

And those who say, “Done it.”

2 – Why the Bible?

The evidence of ancient documents assure us that the Bible we have today is accurate and reliable.

The main purpose of the Bible: that we might believe in Jesus and have life in Him.

The Bible’s two primary teachings

- Law: **God’s word of demand or expectation; His will for how we ought to live, and the rewards or punishments connected to behavior.**
- Gospel (the predominant theme of the Bible): **The message of what God has done for us in Jesus to save us, forgive us, and bring life to us and to all the creation.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

John 20:30-31

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.