

# Jesus Christ: The Diameter of the Ages

Segment Descriptions

#### Segment 1 Magnifying Jesus Christ, The Living Truth

Here we introduce the only-begotten Son of the only True God by answering the following questions, and more. Who is Jesus Christ? Why did he live and die as he did? What is man's basic problem that Jesus came to solve? Why is Jesus called in Scripture "the Last Adam"? What does it mean that he is "the diameter of the ages"? How do we know that Jesus is actually who he said he is? Why is Jesus God's ultimate **"YES!"** to mankind?

# Segment 2

# The Hebrew Scriptures: God's Blueprint For The Redeemer

Genesis—Malachi are not the "Old Testament," but rather "the Hebrew Scriptures," and they were written in large part, if not primarily, for Jesus Christ. Each of these 39 "books" points to a different aspect of the life of the Redeemer of mankind and the Messiah to Israel. As we read many excerpts from Genesis-Malachi, we see: The bloodline of the King/Messiah/Redeemer; his birth in Bethlehem, his sinless life; his death on the Cross, his burial for three days and nights; his resurrection, his ascension and exaltation, his second coming to the earth to Israel, his raising all "Old Testament" believers to new life; his 1000-year reign in glory as King of the world; his judgment and destruction of the wicked; his creation of a new heavens and earth.

#### <u>Segment 3</u> Jesus Christ Our Captain

In this exciting overview of the Book of Hebrews, we see the focus on Jesus Christ as the perfect reflection of God's heart, the supreme sacrifice, the mediator of a better (new) covenant to Israel (he being the high priest thereof), the supreme example of faith/trust, and the one who will help you and me stand for God amidst the trials of life. The epistle to the Hebrews begins and ends with Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation.

#### Segment 4

# Who Jesus Christ Is Determines Who He Is Not

This critical segment addresses the answer to the most important question there is, which was asked by Jesus Christ, and which every human being will eventually have to answer: **"Who do you say that I am?"** If we know who Jesus is, we also know who he is not. We cover what the Bible says about the "Trinity," what a number of prominent Trinitarian theologians say about it, and how a respected Bible Dictionary defines it. We see from the Word that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God, the Last Adam, a lamb from out of the flock, a male human being who began as a seed in the womb of Mary. He and his Father are the "Dynamic Duo" mentioned over and over in Scripture.

#### Segment 5

# What Did Jesus Know And When Did He Know It?

This scintillating segment exposits in detail the glorious biblical truth about the "administrations" in Scripture, and how there is a fine line between what parts of the Bible are written to whom: *Israel*, past and future, or *Christians* (the Body of Christ), present and future. Here we highlight the "Secret of God" that He hid from before the overthrow of the cosmos all the way until after the Resurrection of His Son, with whom He



then excitedly shared it for the first time. What is it about that Secret that God could not tell it to Jesus during his lifetime on earth? Understanding that Jesus could know only what is revealed in Genesis to Malachi, and that everything he said was specifically to Israel, helps us make sense of four statements he made that did not come to pass as he said they would.

#### Segment 6 A Tale of Three Bodies

Jesus Christ is the only man who could have redeemed mankind from sin and death, that is, all those who would choose to believe in him. The job that God asked Jesus to do, and to which he freely chose to say "Yes," is so big that it took three bodies for him to accomplish it. This segment shows what those bodies are.

#### Segment 7

# The Four Gospels: Jesus Christ's Autobiography

Jesus Christ is the subject of the written Word from Genesis 3:15ff, but there are *only four sections* that could be called "biographical." Actually, they are his *auto-biography*, because it was he who gave the revelation to the four Gospel writers. Why are there *four* Gospel accounts? Because each one focuses on a different aspect of his unique and wonderful life and ministry. The excerpts we read from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John bring to light the magnificent heart of the most loving, faithful, noble man who ever lived—*and the only man who has ever beaten death*.

#### Segment 8

#### If You've Seen Jesus, You've Seen the Father

Jesus Christ is "the image of God." Why? Because he chose moment-by-moment to internalize the written Word of God and obey it to the letter. God is *spirit*, and it is Jesus who brings Him into concretion for mankind. Unless people come to His written Word, and to the Living Word, Jesus, they will make up things about God, and thus make up their own god. Named after his Father, Jesus is, in essence, "God, Jr.", the one who faithfully made known the heart of God to the world. What distinguished him from all other men was his perfect trust in God, which was manifest in his perfect love for all men.

#### Segment 9

#### **Experiencing Jesus, The Healer of Broken Hearts**

The Bible is the story of two Adams, each of which lives in every Christian. It is only by getting to know the Last Adam that we will truly get to know the First Adam and how his insidious sin nature relentlessly works against us. The Last Adam is the Savior from the sinful nature of the First Adam that dwells in us. It is only by trusting that the Last Adam has our back that we will boldly face the First Adam within us and honestly confront his sinful subtleties. The life of Christ was one long intervention—and it still is. You can take Jesus' hand and let him lead you into and through the sin that "dwells" in you and afflicts you, for that is how he will heal you.

#### Segment 10

# Jesus Christ and YOU (A Man Named Peter)

Grasping the Lordship of Jesus Christ is the key to your everlasting life (Rom. 10:9), and to powerful daily living (1 Pet. 3:15). Your relationship with Jesus Christ is the bottom line of your Christian walk. The problem: **our persistent humanity.** God has provided us with a real life example of someone with whom we can easily identify. Peter personified Proverbs 24:16 ("A righteous man falls seven times, but rises again...")! That's how



we learn to walk. Peter provides us with true inspiration as to where we can go if we follow the Lord's leading. Religion too often says we must be perfect, but Jesus looks on your heart, and works with you, just like he did with Peter, *who ended up getting two books in the Bible!* How far do you want to go with the Lord Jesus? *He will never lead you where his grace cannot keep you.* Let us follow the example of Peter and let the Lord Jesus guide us, correct us, pick us up, and help us stand for him for a lifetime.

#### <u>Segment 11</u> Jesus Christ, The True Lover of Your Soul

It was *God's idea* to exalt Jesus as "Lord," and when we honor and worship him, we honor God (John 5:23). Conversely, if we diminish the role God intended him to play in our lives, we dishonor both him and God. In this segment we look at who Jesus is to The *Ekklesia* (Christians) and what he is doing now as Head of this worldwide Body of saints. Jesus is the embodiment of the fruit of the spirit, the divine nature of God, and when we sanctify him as Lord and vigorously press in to his heart as he asks us to do, we will become whole.

#### <u>Segment 12</u> Who You Are IN CHRIST

No Christian need suffer from an "identity crisis," because the Word of God is clear about who you are as a "son of God." The more we see the magnitude of who we are and what we have IN CHRIST, the more our faith will appropriate the riches of His glory. We who answered the call of Christ are his *Body*, and thus ONE WITH and IN CHRIST. What we have IN CHRIST is far beyond a *covenant* agreement like God has with the believing bloodline of Israel. In this segment we look at many verses in the Church Epistles showing our identification with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Segment 13 Resurrection Revolution! (Death Unto Life)

Jesus Christ reversed the age-old pattern of life unto death, and made it *death unto life* for those who choose to trust him. His Resurrection started the Revolution, and he is recruiting other revolutionaries who want to follow in his steps. Jesus blazed a trail of trust through the wilderness of sin and death, and he invites each of us to walk that path of righteousness. This segment is filled with fabulous verses about the coming of Christ to take all Christians out of this dying world and reward us for our labor of love on his behalf. And it contains a brief chronology of events following our departure.

#### <u>Segment 14</u> **The Son Is Always Shining**

Scripture shows that the Sun in our celestial universe represents Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of mankind. This closing segment is all about the fascinating parallels between the SUN and the SON (of God), a terrific homonym that we English-speaking folks get to employ. No wonder that Satan, the master counterfeiter, has obscured that glorious truth from so many and even gotten them to worship the Sun instead of The Son. The Body of Christ is to be the prism through which the entire spectrum of Christ's true colors is visible when Sonlight shines upon and through it. And finally, because Jesus said "YES!" to God, he is now God's constant "YES!" to you and me.