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The Historical Jesus - Part 2 of 4

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

Who did Jesus claim to be?

All of us are guilty of fashioning our own Jesus to a certain degree. I am convinced this is completely unavoidable in some ways. At the same time, one of our goals as we mature in Christ ought to be that we know Him truly, and not only superficially. Knowing the true Jesus of history is part of this process, and the best starting place would seem to be the question, "What did Jesus say about Himself?"

The only place to find this answer is in the Bible itself. I am fully aware that, for many people, quoting the Bible does not bear the same authority that it once did. That is a different topic to be addressed later. For now, let me say that I believe the Bible to be the only true authority regarding who Jesus was and is, and anyone who intentionally presents a Jesus contradictory to the Scriptures is guilty of intentionally fashioning his or her own Jesus.

So, what did Jesus say about Himself in the Scriptures?

A quick survey of just one book in the New Testament, the gospel of John, reveals some very bold claims made by Jesus when He walked on the earth nearly 2,000 years ago.

Buckle up, here comes a long sentence. Jesus claimed to have come from heaven (John 8:23), to have been sent from God (John 8:42), to be one with God the Father (John 10:30), to be the son of God (John 10:36), to have existed before Abraham (John 8:58), to be the Jewish Messiah (John 4:25-26), to have overcome the world (John 16:33), to have the authority to judge all humanity (John 5:22, 27), to be the way to God (John 14:6), to be able to raise the dead (John 11:25-26), and to give everlasting life (John 6:47-51). He even called Himself by the same name given to Yahweh in Exodus 3:14: I AM (John 8:58).

As we will see in next week's continuation of this series of articles, Jesus made some very scandalous statements about Himself. Those listed above only represent a selection of Jesus' bold claims. The most scandalous of Jesus' statements, both then and now, was that He claimed to be God. If we are to know and worship Christ Jesus truly, we must believe His claim. Anything less is our fashioned version of the Historical Jesus, not the true Jesus of History.



Next up: Part 3 – What does it mean that Jesus claimed to be God?

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publication deadlines

The Channel
Wednesday

Messenger Wrap
Monday

TableTalk
Tuesday

Please email all submissions to Kim Hayes by 10:00 a.m. at kim@stbc.net

on the cover

Jana King,
Pat Slagle,
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Welcome New Members



Steve & Cathy
Beck,
by statement

Not pictured: Shirah Grant, *by letter*

Can You Help?

The Ministry Center is needing a volunteer to pick up donations once a week from DaySpring Villa, in Sand Springs, and deliver them to The Ministry Center. A regular pick up time can be established any time Monday through Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Any size car should be sufficient for this service. If you can help, please contact Alice Bones by email to alice@ministry-center.org, or by phone to 918-720-5419. [*The Ministry Center, 312 South 33rd West Ave, Tulsa, OK 74127. "His Heart . . . our hands."*]

Discover Class

New members and those interested in becoming a member of South Tulsa Baptist Church are encouraged to attend a special two-week class on August 21 and August 28 at 9:40 a.m., in room C241A. Our pastor, Eric Costanzo, and Dru Finley will both be leading the class. We hope to give you a look into the history and heart of South Tulsa Baptist Church, and get to know you better. All you need to bring is yourself and any questions you may have. Please RSVP to the church office (918-299-0904), and we will save you a seat!

the scorecard



08.07.16

Church in Action

Giving

Ministry Financial Plan	403,325
Actual MFP Receipts	355,452
General Fund	78,209
Building Fund	4,480

Sunday Bible Study

Adults	518
Youth	83
Children	81
Preschool	84
Unclassified	10
Total	776

Weekday Bible Studies 68

Adult, Youth, Women's, Men's

Music & Worship 173

Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Praise Team

Stephen Ministry

Care Receivers	10
Care Givers	24

GriefShare *afternoon - evening*

Participants	1 - 8
Facilitators	5 - 4

Early Learning Program

Church on Mission

Jail Ministry

Prayed to Receive Christ	6
Rededication	1
Bibles Distributed	28
Quarterlies Distributed	50

Tract Ministry 99

The Ministry Center

Volunteers	25
People Helped	220
Medical Clinic	11
Salvations	1

Worship Service Online

LIVE Views 2,100

(U.S. 1,176; International 924)

@ Legend at Mingo Road	16
@ Brookdale Broken Arrow	9
@ Autumn Leaves	17
@ Prairie Rose	12
@ Clare Bridge	22
@ The Arbors	3
@ Burgundy Place	10
@ Legend at Tulsa Hills	16
@ Storey Oaks	21
Total	2,226

ON DEMAND Views 736

(U.S. 412; International 324)

Cities Represented 25
Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Bixby, Jenks, Dallas, Oklahoma City, San Francisco, Owasso, Anchorage, Ardmore, Bartlesville, Chicago, Eden Prairie, Farragut, Hot Springs, Kansas City, McKinney, Sapulpa, Smyrna, Austin, Claremore, Keller, Sand Springs, St. Augustine, and Yukon.

*For more information about these ministries
and how you can be involved, check out our online scorecard at
www.southtulsa.org.*

please pray for...

Jessie Adams
Jacqueline Arterburn
Ray and Jannelle Babb

Larry & Karen Baker's
Daughter's Family

Sharon Barnett

William Bass

Mary Baucam

Holly Bowlby

Beth Brumbaugh

Karen Byrd

Suzi Byrd

Pam Campbell

Gary Chapman

Howard Chapman

Kathleen Cleary

Evie Coons

Chris Crabtree

Chris Cuaderes

Buster Davenport

Ashlyn Dirteater

Joy Disler

Craig Donnelly

Annabelle Doolin

Michelle Dudley's

Mother, Ann

Betty Dugger

David Eldridge

Tammy Ezell

Lane & Evie Fleming

Vicki Franks

Julie Gentry

Beth Green

Jordan Greenway

Tricia Hadicke

Breydon Hammer

Sonja Harvey

Ginny Hensley's mom

Richard and Carol

Herman

Steve Herman Family

Barbara Herndon

Ron Holland

Judi Hopkins

Kaden Howard

Millie Hurlbut

Christian Jaspersen

Katherine Johnson

Tonya Johnson

Josh Jordan

Rachel Key

Beverly Kieffer

Beverly Kieffer's

brother, Mark

Mildred Lawson

Virginia Love

Edith Mabry

Dianna Maddox

Dale Marden

Geraldine McCoy

Alicia McLaughlin

Greg Moran

Elizabeth Moses

Orvalyn Murphy

Mike Nelson

Naedene Neumeyer

Jackie Newman

Monica Oliva

Manley Porter

Heather Priddy

Jon Randall

Martha Rogers

Dylan Rowe

Christy Salamon

Clay Sanderlin

Mary Jo Sanders

Barbara Shores

Logan Short

Frank Sims

Judy Smith

Sharolyn Sorrels

Laura Steen and

unborn baby

Kelsey Thrasher

Allan Trimble

Becky Tuttle

John Vick

Danny Wasson

Bill Weir

Katie Wilkinson

Dixie Woodard

Lorraine Yeubanks

If you have a prayer request, an update or a change, please contact Carolyn in the church office at 918-299-0904 or carolyn@stbc.net.

Precept Bible Studies Beginning in September

Covenant - Mondays

Knowing God's Covenant (11 lessons) Mondays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room beginning September 12.

See this incredible thread running from Genesis through Revelation. God enters into a binding agreement with His people and always keeps His promises. Trusting Him as a covenant partner frees us from the bondage of worry and anxiety. Excellent for those who have yet to take a Precept course. Workbook is available for \$25 in the church office. Please complete lesson one prior to first class. Please contact Patrick Lovelace at patricklovelace@cox.net, 918-286-3226 for more information or to enroll.



Isaiah Part 1 - Thursdays

The Word of the Holy One to Israel, the Remnant, and the Nations ... and the Promise of the Child to Be Born (Chapters 1-39) - (14 lessons) Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room beginning September 8. In Isaiah Part 1, we'll meet

the Holy One of Israel, and learn how He deals with those who claim Him as God but don't honor Him as God in the way that they live. And we'll find the destiny of nations, the future of all mankind ... including ours. Isaiah offers insight into the final days which complements Revelation, Daniel, 2 Thessalonians and Zechariah. Workbook is available for \$32 in the church office. Please complete lesson one prior to first class. Please contact Patrick Lovelace at patricklovelace@cox.net, 918-286-3226 for more information or to enroll.

Girls in Action

Through our theme, **Mission: My Life**, girls in 1st-6th grade will learn to be agents of influence to positively impact their friends, families, and ultimately the world. Each week girls will investigate domestic and world affairs, modeling the skills and following the examples of dedicated Christians on assignment. Each activity and hands-on experience will equip them to pray for and learn about missions, give to missions, and do missions in their own communities.

Girls in Action meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m. through the school year. We begin on Wednesday, September 7. Leadership teams are being formed now. If you are interested in teaching girls about missions, please contact Kim Hayes, 918-299-0904 or kim@stbc.net. **GA Leaders will have a planning meeting on Wednesday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m. in Room D261.**



School Supplies for North Tulsa Needed by Wednesday

One of the wonderful ministries we have at South Tulsa Baptist Church is to help with school supplies for children in North Tulsa. We need to bring school supplies to the church by Wednesday, August 17. Tubs are available near the entrances to the church. The men from North Tulsa will be here on August 19 to pick them up. As you are purchasing school supplies for your children would you purchase a few extra things and bring them to the church? Thank you for your ministry to these children.

Be a Mentor Mom

MOPs is looking for some Mentor Moms. Moms who walk a few steps ahead of the moms in our group. Mentors bring perspective on mothering, womanhood and relationships. You have the opportunity to invest in the lives of young women, cheer them on as they try new things and lead the celebration of all they do! Please contact Miriam Shipman at 757-634-9624.

Adult Choir

Our Adult Choir faithfully leads in worship each Sunday during the 10:50 a.m. worship service. If you have interest in singing with them, now is a great time to get involved as they work on music for fall with Christmas music coming soon. They rehearse Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Children's Choir Leadership Planning Meeting, Wednesday, August 31 at 5:30 p.m., D-268-269

Children's Choir Enrollment Begins Today

Our Theme - Choosing God's Way

Planning a trip without a destination in mind is not how most of us plan a trip. It is true with vacations, but many Christians seem to wander aimlessly in their spiritual journey, lacking direction and purpose and growing stale in their faith. To know God's way, we have to first know God. In Psalm 46:10, God directs us, "Be still and know that I Am God." This choir year children will be encouraged to choose God's way and show that way to others.

We have a children's choir for every child from ages 3 years - 6th grade. We encourage parents to take advantage of this Bible teaching arm of the church for preschoolers and children. You may pre-enroll your child at the table near the Preschool Welcome Center. Children's Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dear Church Family,

As most of you have heard by now, we will be leaving STBC in two weeks to minister to the people of Guatemala, working with BuildinGuate. We are excited about this new chapter in our lives and how God will give us opportunities to serve Him in this step of faith. However, this comes with a large loss--leaving our church family of 22 years, where we raised our two children and served in a multitude of ways. Thank you so much for your love and support over the years and please keep us in your prayers! ~Stephen and Lee Anne Griffin

Women's Ministry

Bible Art Journaling

Fellowship Hall | Ladies Only/No Child Care | No Fee

Ladies, our last summer workshop will be Thursday, August 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will do a new scripture design using colored pencils or watercolor paints in your own journaling Bible or art journal. Come and enjoy the fellowship as we work on our pages and learn together. Please register online if you are new to receive the basic supplies list by email.

GriefShare

If you've experienced the death of a loved one, GriefShare is here for you. Groups meet at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the STBC Conference Room. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call Mary Jane Howarth at 918-749-0826.

FirstSteps

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

etc 8:30 Aug 14

hostess:	Debbie Steen
Room 101	Bobby & Julie Rosene
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Kendra & Kelsey Thompson
Room 111	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 105	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 108	Barbara Tuttle, John/Erin Zimmerman
Room 109	Deanna, Larry & Dillon Smith

etc 10:45 Aug 14

hostess:	Lila Johnson
Room 101	Karen & Mike Bright
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Georgeann Hiebert
Room 105	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 106	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 107	David & Katrina Cottrell
Room 108	Jessica & Justin Roye
Room 109	Kay & Randy Watson
Room 114	Nathan & Amanda Reagan

etc 8:30 Aug 21

hostess:	Debbie Steen
Room 101	Bryan & Sherry Pollard
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Tranna Vandervort
Room 111	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 105	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 108	Barbara Tuttle, Vicky Findley
Room 109	Mark & Donna Chesnut

etc 10:45 Aug 21

hostess:	Lila Johnson
Room 101	Melva Payne, Laura Wagner
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Mary Findley
Room 105	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 106	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 107	Lynn Bryant, Vicky Findley
Room 108	Will & Melody Mosley
Room 109	Paul & Julie Warren
Room 114	Janis & Randy Roeber

STAY CONNECTED

by Dru Finley

Worship Him

It's all meant to point to something. Some people get it, some don't. When you look around the world is made in order that you might look up, not to the sky but to the one who made the sky. That's easier in some places than others. But every place on this planet has the unique ability to make you think this didn't just happen, rather it is all by design. That's because creation has a purpose, and that purpose is the Glory of God!

Psalms 19:1 says, *"The heavens declare the Glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handy work."* When you see the mountains, the plains, the Arctic, and the forests, it is only natural for us to realize that there is a God. After all, the very creation we live in is God's way of saying, "I am here! I made this! I made you, I am God!" Romans 1:19-20 tells us, *"For what can be known about God is plain to them. For His invisible attributes namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made."* Creation should open our eyes to the Glory of God to the point that we worship, and give Him the Glory He deserves.

The key is to not miss this. The key is to not get so used to what we see that we forget that all of creation is crying out, "worship God!" The very existence of nature screams "God is awesome, God is almighty, God alone deserves all the worship and praise!" It is easy for us to get so busy that we become distracted and so familiar with our surroundings that we don't allow creation to remind us of our great God. Even worse, we can become so numb to what we see that we restrict nature's purpose of pointing to God, which can cause our purpose to be stifled to the point that we rob God of what is rightfully His, worship.

So, the next time that you are outside, look around and realize what creation is trying to remind you. The next time that you look up into the sky, remember that it is meant to remind you just how big and great He really is! Listen to what the heavens are saying! Remember that God is the center of all that we see, and all that we see is saying, worship Him!

Amazing Interns!

Thank you to our wonderful 2016 summer interns and student helpers! We had an amazing summer together and it would not have been possible without you!

Hailey Rogers - <i>year-round intern</i>	Rebecca Lee
Taylor Seacat	Nathan Kring
Jessica Conrad	Kayla Thompson
Mason Farquhar	Claire Hull
Benjamin Lee	

August 8 - August 14

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord,..."

~Jeremiah 29:11-14



August 15 - August 21

"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold."

~Proverbs 22:1

LIFELINE STUDENT MINISTRY

PROMOTION SUNDAY IS TODAY! GET READY TO MOVE ON UP TO A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!

Congratulations, you've graduated! Well, graduated Sunday School classes that is! TODAY everyone moves up a grade! Graduated seniors move up to the college class, and upcoming 7th graders move into our middle school. You're bound to see some new people so make sure and introduce yourself. You'll also want to make some time to get to know your new teachers!

STUDYING LEADERSHIP: NEW SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING SERIES CONTINUES TODAY!!

"Where do leaders come from?" "What does a good leader do?" "How can I be a godly leader?" "What if I don't want to be a leader?" In this study, we will discuss and begin to answer these

questions and many more. This is the perfect time to study such questions as our country gets ready to choose a new leader. On a more personal note, whether you are in high school or middle school, you have been called to be leaders in your faith! Join us!

LAST HOUSE PARTY THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE CONRAD'S

Bus leaves the church at 6:00 p.m. and returns at 8:00 p.m.

BACK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY HOURS STARTING SOON - 5:30-6:30 PM ON AUGUST 24, AND 31

It's about time for the school routine to start back up! Our normal hours for youth group are 6:30 to 7:30, but until youth choir starts back up we will be meeting an hour earlier. Wednesday nights are an awesome opportunity to bring friends during the school year. We'll have fellowship and dive into the word. It's a great place to get to draw close to people and to God. Make plans to be there on Wednesday nights in the fall!

WORDS FROM YOUR SUMMER 2016 INTERNS! STAY ENCOURAGED! WE LOVE YOU!

"It has been a joy getting to work with all the students in the youth group and getting to know them better! I have loved getting to be an influence in their lives whether it be teaching, leading a family group, or just hanging out with them and talking" -Jess. "I have been so overwhelmed by the work God has done in our lives individually and as a group. I can't wait for what's next!" -Hailey. We love you guys!

DAILY BIBLE READING

Next week's scripture -

August 14 Luke 17:20-37; 2 Tim. 2:14-26; Proverbs 12:1-14; Neh. 8.

August 15 Luke 18:1-8; 2 Tim. 1:1-9; Proverbs 12:15-28; Neh. 9.

August 16 Luke 18:9-17; 2 Tim. 3:10-17; Proverbs 13:1-12; Neh. 10.

August 17 Luke 18:18-30; 2 Tim. 4; Proverbs 13:13-25; Neh. 11.

August 18 Luke 18:31-43; Titus 1:1-9; Proverbs 14:1-18; Neh. 12.

August 19 Luke 19:11-27; Titus 2:1-10; Proverbs 15:1-17; Esther 1.

August 20 Luke 19:1-10; Titus 1:10-16; Proverbs 14:19-35; Neh. 13.

Wednesday Dinner August 17, 2016

Dinner Assistants: Jana King, Mike Osborne, Tom Payne, and Ray Penick.

Menu: Chicken a l'orange, rice, vegetable, salad, dessert and beverage.

Dinner Reservations:

Name _____

of adults _____ @ \$5.00

of children _____ @ \$3.50

(Up to \$18.00 per family)

Please make this a standing reservation.

PLEASE make your reservations or cancellations by Tuesday at noon. Tear out this form and place in the offering plate or call the church office, 918-299-0904.

Psalm 46:10

SOUTH TULSA BAPTIST CHURCH

Children's Choir

for kids age 3-6th grade

Wednesdays
at 5:30 pm

Choosing God's Way

KNOW • GROW • SHOW

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MISSION: MY LIFE

CHILDREN'S MISSIONS

ROYAL AMBASSADORS | GIRLS IN ACTION | MISSION FRIENDS

Wednesdays 6:30-7:15 p.m. | Begins September 7

this week at stbc

Sunday, August 14

Promotion Sunday
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:00-9:30 a.m. Library Open
9:00 a.m. Early Sunday Bible Study Group
9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
10:50 a.m. Worship
12-12:30 p.m. Library Open
6:00 p.m. Secret Church

Monday, August 15

1:30 p.m. GriefShare
6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, August 16

9:00 a.m. ELP Planning Day
6:30 p.m. Summer Book Club

Wednesday, August 17

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
1:30 p.m. Empty Nesters 1 Ladies Prayer
4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
5:45-6:45 p.m. Library Open
6:00 p.m. Student House Party at Conrads
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir,
Stewardship Meeting
7:30 p.m. Orchestra

Thursday, August 18

10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, August 19

Saturday, August 20

A GLOBAL GOSPEL IN A WORLD OF RELIGIONS

SUNDAY NIGHTS
JULY & AUGUST 2016

SECRET
CHURCH.
KNOW HIS WORD. KNOW HIS PERSECUTED.