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The Historical Jesus - Part 3 of 4

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

What does it mean that Jesus claimed to be God?

Jesus claimed to be God.

For those who argue that Jesus was simply a good man and a good teacher, this claim shatters such illusions.

Imagine if one of your co-workers left his job, gathered together a group of followers, and claimed to be God on Earth. Would you still call the guy a good person? You might say, "He used to be a good person." That opinion would certainly change after his apparent delusions of divinity.

As the Roman governor of Jerusalem, Pontius Pilate, was interrogating Jesus, the following conversation took place:

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." (John 18:36-37)

We simply cannot get past the fact that Jesus made some very scandalous statements about Himself. Pilate did not understand. The religious leaders refused to believe. Even Jesus' own disciples could not fully grasp the deepest truth of His statements and claims.

The ever-quotable C.S. Lewis, in his book *Mere Christianity*, presents what has become known as "The Trilemma." Lewis argued that Jesus could not have been only a good man. He was either who He claimed to be or He was in some way deranged. If Jesus knew that He was not God and yet claimed to be then He was a liar. If Jesus erroneously thought Himself to be God then He must have been a lunatic. The other option, according to Lewis, is that Jesus was in fact telling the truth with full clarity of mind, making Him Lord. The Lewis "trilemma" – Lord, liar, or lunatic.

Jesus cannot just be a good person. He has to be more than a good teacher. He is either who He claimed to be, or He is not. He is either God who "became flesh and made His dwelling among us" (John 1:14), or He is just another famous figure from the past who died, and remained dead. If He is not truly our resurrected Lord, then He lied or He was crazy. Perhaps the problem is that too many people only consider who Jesus was, and not who He is and continues to be. In my concluding article, we will break Jesus free of history.

Next up: Part 4 – Who Jesus IS today, not just in history.

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Wednesday

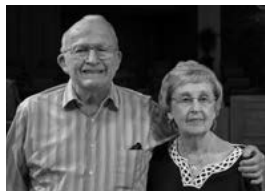
Messenger Wrap
Monday

TableTalk
Tuesday

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

on the cover
First graders go to "big church" now!

Welcome New Members



Harold & Teresia
Dozer, *by letter*

Kirk & Debe
DeWees, *by letter*



Tip of the Month

from the Safety and Security Committee

Your Safety and Security Committee would like you to know that you are safe while attending any activities here at South Tulsa. We have safeguards in place during worship services as well. If there is ever a disturbance during a service, we would ask you to remain in your seats and allow us to direct emergency procedures. We have leaders designated to handle such situations, and we would not want anything to hinder our procedures.

GriefShare

Surviving the Holidays

Surviving the Holidays is a survival guide for navigating the holidays after the death of a loved one. Two sessions will be offered on September 19 at 1:30-3:30 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

the scorecard



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Church in Action

Giving

Ministry Financial Plan	494,032
Actual MFP Receipts	418,829
General Fund	63,376
Building Fund	985

Sunday Bible Study

Adults	538
Youth	88
Children	94
Preschool	103
Unclassified	10
Total	833

Weekday Bible Studies

Adult, Youth, Women's, Men's

Music & Worship

Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Praise Team

Stephen Ministry

Care Receivers	11
Care Givers	24

GriefShare *afternoon - evening*

Participants	4 - 7
Facilitators	4 - 5

Early Learning Program

Church on Mission

Jail Ministry

Prayed to Receive Christ	7
Bibles Distributed	26
Quarterlies Distributed	144
Tract Ministry	225

The Ministry Center

Volunteers	30
People Helped	239
Salvations	2

Worship Service Online

LIVE Views

(U.S. 1,225; International 1,103)

@ Legend at Mingo Road	12
@ Brookdale Broken Arrow	8
@ Autumn Leaves	20
@ Prairie Rose	17
@ Clare Bridge	22
@ The Arbors	6
@ Burgundy Place	10
@ Legend at Tulsa Hills	13
@ Storey Oaks	23
Total	2,459

ON DEMAND Views

(U.S. 421; International 147)

Cities Represented	29
<i>Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Bixby, Dallas, Collinsville, Denver, Hot Springs, Jenks, Norman, Sapulpa, Amarillo, Bartlesville, Chicago, Coweta, Eden Prairie, Elk Grove, Galveston, Kailua, Oklahoma City, Pittsburg, San Antonio, San Francisco, Wichita Falls, Woodstock, Greenville, Claremore, Breckenridge, Keller, and Sand Springs</i>	

*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
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
Bonnie Latshaw
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**

Mark Swift
Kelsey Thrasher
Annie Thurber
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
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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.

Wednesday Night Children's Mission Classes

Enrollment begins TODAY for our Children's Missions classes - Mission Friends (boys and girls ages 3-kindergarten), Girls in Action (girls grades 1-6) and Royal Ambassadors (boys grades 1-6). Mission groups meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and will begin on September 7! The enrollment table is near the Preschool Welcome Center.

Royal Ambassadors

Royal Ambassadors is for boys in grades 1-6. RAs meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and will begin on September 7! Leadership teams are being formed now and **one or two more adult volunteers are still needed** to help with RAs on Wednesday evenings. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Brad Fuller brad_fuller@zeeco.com, 479-790-8338 or John Storms jonstorms@gmail.com.

Children's Choir Enrollment

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.

Car Show 2016: September 18

Our annual Car Show is set for Sunday, September 18! Look for the volunteer sign-up table on Sunday near the Welcome Center. We can't host the largest car show in Tulsa without your help! Volunteers will be needed for registration, parking, kitchen help, and the children's area. Once again, we have online registration for our exhibitors, members and guests. Go online now at southtulsa.org and complete your registration so you don't have to fill out the card when you arrive at the Car Show!

Desserts for the Car Show

The wonderful food at the Car Show will not be complete without a great DESSERT! We are asking our church family to bring a homemade or purchased dessert or two in DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS to share with our Car Show guests. Recommended items are: cookies, brownies, bars, and other items that can be cut before you bring them and eaten with your fingers. We expect a tremendous crowd, so your help with desserts will be greatly needed and appreciated. Items can be delivered on Wednesday evening or Sunday morning to the church kitchen, or when you arrive for the Car Show on September 18.

Women's Ministry

Bible Art Journaling - Thursday

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: New Session Begins September 26

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.

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., D268-269

Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Louise McCarty on her passing August 13; and to Jessica Roye and family on the loss of her grandmother, Delores Combs on August 13, funeral at Chandler 1st Baptist on August 19.

FirstSteps

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

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

etc 8:30 Aug 28

hostess:	Debbie Steen
Room 101	Marlene Carpenter, Lisa Hites
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Cindy Jobe
Room 111	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 105	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 108	Barbara Tuttle, Rhonda Lovett
Room 109	Mark & Donna Chesnut

etc 10:45 Aug 28

hostess:	Lila Johnson
Room 101	Linda & Jerry Keeling
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Phyllis Wheeler
Room 105	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 106	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 107	Michelle Bridenstine, Jamie Finley
Room 109	Laura & Matt Forney
Room 114	Keith & Lauren Moore

STAY CONNECTED

by Dru Finley

Secure

In 1937, the great Golden Gate Bridge was completed. It cost \$77 million. It was built in two stages: the first slowly, and the second rapidly. In the first stage, twenty-three men fell to their death. And the work ground to a halt because fear paralyzed the workmen, as helplessly, they watched their companions plummeting from the structure to the water far below. Finally, an ingenious person thought, "There needs to be a net." So they put together, for \$100,000, the largest net ever built and hung that net beneath the workmen. When phase two began, ten were saved who fell into that net. The work proceeded twenty-five percent faster until the job was done. This happened because of the perceived security that the workers had.

How much more do we as Christians need the understanding of the security we have in Christ in a world full of pain, disappointment, and suffering? Sometimes the only help we have through life's pain is knowing of the security we have through Christ! No matter how hard or how difficult life is we know that the security of our salvation lies within the completed work of Christ. Paul encourages the Roman church when he said, "*If God is for us who can be against us?*" (Romans 8:31). "The obvious implication is that if anyone were able to rob us of salvation they would have to be greater than God Himself, because He is both the giver and the sustainer of salvation" (John MacArthur). The great news is that our God is greater than anything and everything! And, He is the One who is holding on to us! The power in this truth is one that gives freedom and joy through all of life's difficulties!

Paul continues later in the chapter, "*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us*" (Romans 8:35-37). We have obtained the greatest victory, life from the dead. And, if we have obtained a victory so immense, then all of life's challenges are dwarfed in comparison! Our salvation is safe, secure, and founded upon the solid rock of Christ, and because of this we can face all of life's difficulties with triumph knowing that our victory has already been won!

So, as you face hardship, and you will, look to what Christ has given to you. Not only do you have salvation that grants you entrance into eternity with God, but you have Glorification awaiting you, that will complete Christ's work in you to make you fully like Him! Know that no matter your current suffering, your eternal salvation and joy are secure in the powerful hands of God. Nothing can separate you from Him! Therefore, since you are fully secure, live with your face set toward heaven and your life completely committed to this great God of love!

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



August 22 - August 28

"Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning."

~Psalm 30:4-5

LIFELINE STUDENT MINISTRY

BACK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY HOURS STARTING NOW - 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 p.m., 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!

FALL SCHEDULE: WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS TO BE POSTED SOON! STAY UP TO DATE!

It's that time of year again... Time for new notebooks and pens and Starbucks and scarves! Well, it will be soon anyways! We have some awesome events coming your way this fall so be ready! Also, remember that very soon our weekly activities will start back

up! Youth choir will begin September 7th, 5:30 to 6:30. Youth group will meet right after choir from 6:30 to 7:30. We're excited to see how God will work in us this semester!

THE ALLNIGHTER IS BACK: SEPTEMBER 9 (10:45PM REGISTRATION STARTS) \$45. INVITE FRIENDS!

Prepare yourself for all-night fun! We always have an awesome time doing this event. From late night dinner, to Sky Zone, to skating, to SO MUCH MORE, we never stop during the whole night. The true purpose behind this event is not just to have fun, but to invite friends who might not otherwise even step into a church. We'll share the gospel from the very beginning and continue to demonstrate the love of Christ all night.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS PJ PARTY! SEPTEMBER 23 (7-10PM) IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOM *FREE

We're inviting all middle school girls and their friends to our pajama party coming up soon! There will be pizza, snacks, games, and an awesome movie. You'll want to wear your PJ'S because there will be a prize for "Most Creatively Dressed." Bring blankets and pillows to be more comfy on the floor. Please contact Hailey if you are planning to come and bring a friend so we know how much pizza to get! It's going to be a blast!

DAILY BIBLE READING

Next week's scripture -

- August 21** Luke 19:28-38; Titus 2:11-15; Prov. 15:18-33; Esther 2.
- August 22** Luke 19:39-48; Titus 3:1-8; Prov. 16:1-16; Esther 3-4.
- August 23** Luke 20:1-8; Titus 3:9-15; Prov. 16:17-33; Esther 5-6.
- August 24** Luke 20:9-19; Philemon 1-11; Prov. 17:1-14; Esther 7-8.
- August 25** Luke 20:20-26; Philemon 12-25; Prov. 17:15-28; Esther 9-10.
- August 26** Free day to reflect, catch up, and/or memorize.
- August 27** Free day to reflect, catch up, and/or memorize.

Wednesday Dinner August 24, 2016

Dinner Assistants: Jana King, Greg Bayless, John Priddy, and Gary Provine.

Menu: Haystacks, 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
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this week at stbc

Sunday, August 21

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, Discover Class
10:50 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. SBS Leadership Meeting
12-12:30 p.m. Library Open
6:00 p.m. Secret Church
7:00 p.m. Advisory Council

Monday, August 22

9:30 a.m. ELP Open House
1:30 p.m. GriefShare
6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, August 23

6:45 a.m. FIT Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
6:30 p.m. Summer Book Club

Wednesday, August 24

9:00 a.m. MOPS
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
5:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study
5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
5:45-6:45 p.m. Library Open
6:00 p.m. GA Leader's Meeting
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
7:30 p.m. Orchestra
8:00 p.m. Music Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 25

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
6:30 p.m. Bible Art Journaling
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball, Orphan/Foster
Committee Meeting

Friday, August 26

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

Saturday, August 27

5:00 p.m. Tulsa Christian Ministerial
Alliance Annual Picnic

Classes for
kids age
3 thru
6th grade

CHILDREN'S MISSIONS

ROYAL AMBASSADORS | GIRLS IN ACTION | MISSION FRIENDS

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

13TH ANNUAL

2016 Car Show

Sunday, September 20
4:00-6:30 pm

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