

WOW!

WDJD (What Did Jesus Do)
What a Christ
Fellowship
Surrender

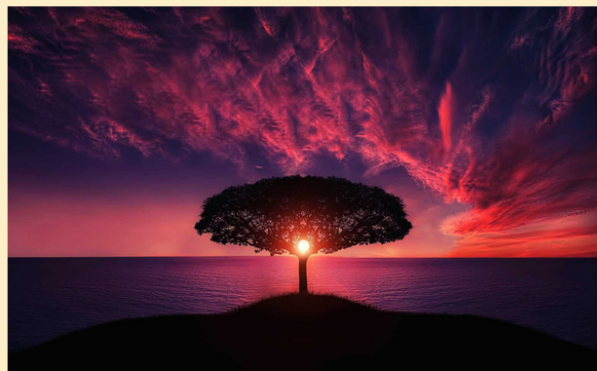
Joy! Church | 1.21.24
We love you. Yes, you



Bibliography for today

- Matthew 3, 4, 22, 28; Luke 4;
- Ephesians 1, 2, 3, 6; Colossians 3
- Philippians 2; 2nd Corinthians 5
- 1st John 3; 1st Peter 2, 3
- Hebrews 1, 4, 8, 10, 12;
- Mark 1; Romans 5, 6, 7, 8, 10
- Acts 1, 2; Galatians 3; 1st Timothy 1
- Revelation 3, 4, 5, 19, 20, 21
- John 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20

(Scripture references, partial list)



The Tree of Life
Gen 2; Rev 22

Sequence / Timeline / Phases: Jesus

1. Beyond time: In eternity / Glory / with God, as God the Son
The Word / Logos / Living Expression of God
Was with God. Was, is and ever shall be The Word
2. Still fully and eternally God, at Father's Timing
Jesus laid down His privilege
Fully surrendered and submitted
3. Birth: The how, why, where and when are profound
The surrendered Word / Logos / Living Expression of God
became the son of man—flesh—and lived with us
4. 30 years: Character formation; learning & living scripture
Experienced fully and humbly every quality of being human
Deep connection with Joseph, Mary, and others

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5. Baptized; Heaven opened, Holy Spirit came, wilderness
6. 42 months: Discipled; Servant; Destroyer (& some notable public ministry)
Deep, deep connection with Father, with disciples (esp. the 3),
with Bethany spiritual family and several others
7. Crucifixion: Surrendered His life for world's sin and died brutally
In accordance with scripture (there's a lot more to this)
Inaugurated Kingdom in Earth
8. Resurrection: Took all authority; defeated hell, sin and death
9. Ascension: Father confirmed mission completed
Sat down at Father's right hand. Spirit of adoption fully activated
10. Transitioned Kingdom to earthly church. Same Holy Spirit came to all
11. Present day: In eternity/glory, awaiting Father to send Him to Earth

All important 42 days

6 weeks, 1½ months

- Surrendered to Abba, His calling and baptism (by His cousin)
- Surrendered to Holy Spirit; sought first the Kingdom / Abba and His righteousness via 40-day spiritual disciplines in the desert
- In weakened and vulnerable state and condition, waged and won spiritual warfare with the prince of darkness and ruler of this world. Did not do that in His own strength, ability, intellect or wit. Instead, via the power of scripture that is living and active still
- Came out of all that with the power (dunamis) of God! (Luke 4:14)
Declared Kingdom of God as a **now** thing

A pattern for us to emulate

Jesus fully denied Himself, lived this and did it
He demonstrated it to you and me; showed us how
So we might also do so with one another and for all

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- Apostle Paul, to us and for us: (1st Corinthians 11:1)
ESV. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.
NIV. Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.
TPT. I want you to pattern your lives after me,
just as I pattern mine after Christ.
- Jesus the Christ, to us and for us: (paraphrasing several verses)
Follow Me just like I followed My Father
If you have looked at Me, you have seen the Father (John 14:9)

WDJD

What did Jesus do behind the scenes

While on Earth fully as human having laid down His privilege, He:

- Invested in assimilating scripture and living it
- Formed deep relationship with Holy Spirit and followed His leadings
- Forged and invested in connection with a few disparate** people
- Surrendered (submitted, yielded, trusted, risked, “no matter what”)

It all started with receiving, believing and living from ...

**essentially different in kind; not allowing comparison

His God-given

IDENTITY

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(See Matthew 3:15-17)

Table Time

Discuss the following as fully as you can

1. Was Jesus revealed to you more deeply, or in new ways, today?
How so?
2. Abba says to Jesus followers:
You are my daughter / my son, My beloved. I delight in you.
Is that easy or hard for you to receive and believe for yourself?
Why or why not?
3. *Optional challenge (dare).* Each person in turn, speak aloud:
 - A. In Christ, I am an altogether new creation.
 - B. I am Abba's son / daughter. He delights in me.
 - C. As I follow Christ, I am transforming into His likeness.

Roadmap 2024

You are invited! Yes, you 😊

Come to either of 2 sessions:

- **Sun., Feb. 4th, 3:00 – 5:00 pm**
repeated on
- **Wed., Feb. 7th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

I love you. Yes, you. ~ john

As an active church guy,
I always wanted to know:

- Where are we headed?
- What's the story?
- Why does it matter?
- What's my part?

Our direction is shifting this year
Here's your chance to learn more

Please make your own arrangements
for childcare