

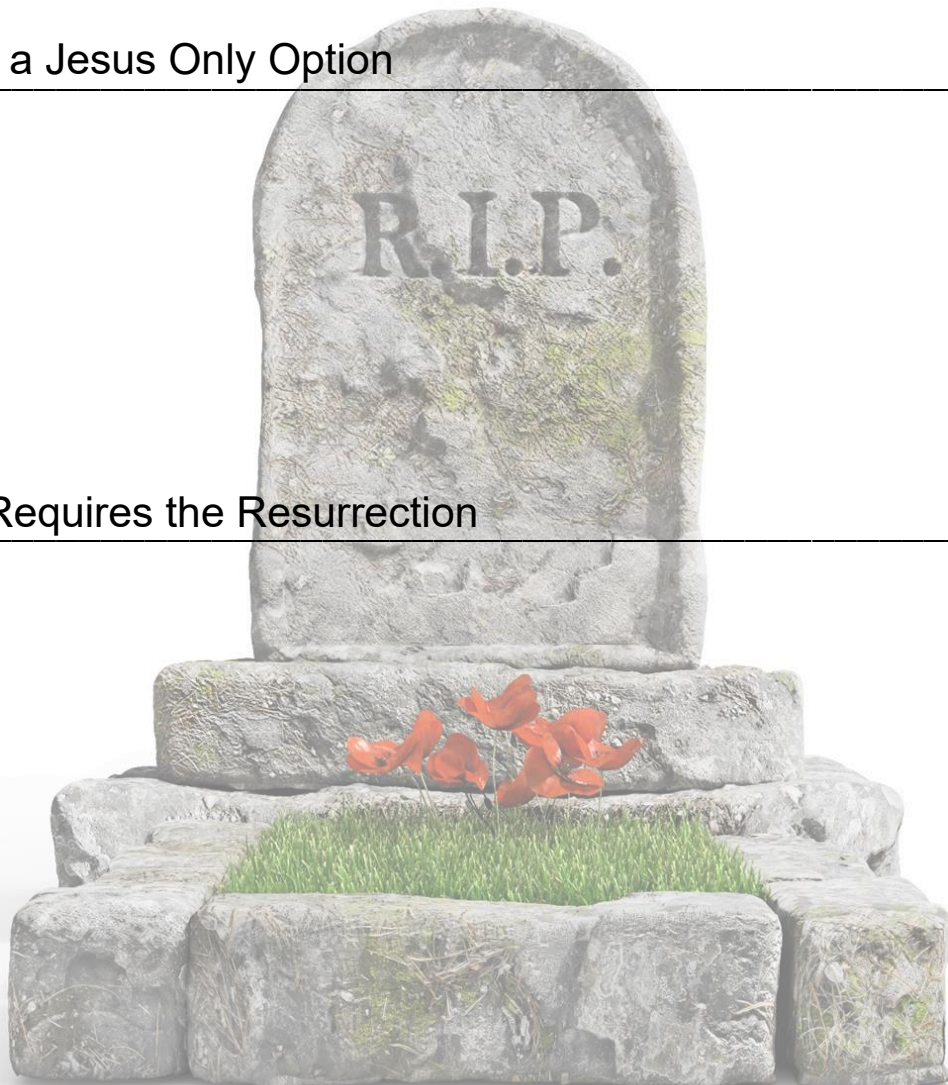
The Afterlife

“ Clarifying Truth About the Gospel ”

1. It Requires the Cross v. 1a

2. It's a Jesus Only Option vv. 1b-3

3. It Requires the Resurrection vv. 4-5



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read John 17:1a. Explain what Jesus meant by His "hour" had come. Why is this a critical truth to understand?
- What happens to the Gospel when Point #1 is overlooked? What is at stake? How does Point #1 adjust you?

Point #2

- Read John 17:1b-3. Who has the authority to "give" eternal life? Why? How does this relate to Point #2?
- How does this also help explain the exclusivity of Christianity? How does Point #2 help protect the Gospel?

Point #3

- Read John 17:4-5. Why did Jesus ask the Father to "glorify" Him? In what ways does this relate to Point #3?
- Why is Point #3 critical to the Gospel? Be specific. What does it teach you about your afterlife? Be specific.

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message. A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read John 17:1a, 2:1-4, 7:1-6, 28-30, 8:20, 12:23-24, 27-28, Mark 10:45

- Why did Jesus often tell others that His hour had not yet come? What changed during the last supper?
- What does this highlight about the purpose and ministry of Jesus? (i.e., the cross) Why is this important?
- In what way has the world redefined the purpose and ministry of Jesus? How does this help you stay focused?

TUESDAY // Read John 17:1a, 1:29, Romans 3:23-25, 6:23, 2 Cor. 5:20-21, Luke 22:17-20, Hebrews 10:1-4

- Given the "hour" refers to the crucifixion of Jesus, how does this relate to heaven and the afterlife? Be specific.
- What does this imply about living a good life and earning your way to heaven? Why does this include everyone?
- In what way has the world today missed this critical truth when it comes to Jesus? How does this adjust you?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 17:1b-2, 3:16-17, Luke 2:11, Ephesians 2:8-10, Romans 10:9-10

- What does it mean that Jesus has "authority over all flesh"? (Hint: sinful nature) Why do we not have this authority?
- Why is it important to also recognize that Jesus has the authority to "give" eternal life? What is the alternative?
- Given this is the central message of the Gospel, explain how Jesus provides for the afterlife. Be specific.

THURSDAY // Read John 17:3, 3:35-36, 14:6, Acts 4:12

- What is Jesus implying by saying the "only true God"? What does He also imply by including Himself?
- What does this highlight about the exclusivity of the Christian faith? How does this protect the Gospel?
- In what way does this always come back to the cross when compared to other religious leaders? Be specific.

FRIDAY // Read John 17:4-5, 1:1, 14, 11:25-26, 1 Corinthians 15:16-17, 1 Peter 1:3-4

- Why did Jesus ask the father to "glorify" Him? What does this highlight about the preincarnate state of Jesus?
- In what way does this also relate to the resurrection? What happens to the Gospel if there was no resurrection?
- What does the resurrection of Jesus teach you about your personal resurrection and the afterlife?

SATURDAY // Read John 17:1-5, Matthew 23:15, 33, Luke 12:1-10, 1 Corinthians 15:19

- Why is it important to believe in hell as much as it is to believe in heaven when it comes to Christianity?
- What happens to the Gospel if the topic of hell is rejected by a non-Christian? (i.e., "saved" from what?)
- How does the topic of hell make you feel? Why should it motivate Christians to share the Gospel?

MEDITATION VERSE: ²⁰...We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. **2 Corinthians 5:20b-21**