

**Christianity 101: Relevant Jesus focused Lessons**  
**Growing as a Maturing Child of God**

**The Most Important Teachings of Jesus- 21 to consider**

1. **Why Trust Jesus to Teach Us:** Six Reasons to Believe: 1) Doctor, 2) Surgeon, 3) Psychiatrist, 4) Commander of Nature, 5) Victor over Death, 6) The Prophesied Messiah- Lk 8:25; Jn 10:25, 37

**Trusting Jesus is a Huge First Step!**

2. **Jesus Taught that His Death Liberated People to Become Children of God.**

Four Teachings about Redemption: 1) Jesus promised He would defeat the rule of death (John 8:31-52; 11:24-26; Mat. 13:36-43; Rev. 21:1-5). 2) Jesus taught He would liberate us from the authority of Satan (Mat. 20:28; Mark 10:45; cf. Mat. 13:19, 38; Luke 4:6; John 17:15). 3) Jesus taught that His death would provide forgiveness of sins (Mat. 9:2-8; 26:26-29; Mark 14:11-25; Luke 22:14-20). 4) Jesus taught that His death would provide foundation for a restored relationship with God (Mat. 26:28; Luke 22:20; Jeremiah 31:31-34).

**Liberating Us from Bondage is Why Jesus Died!**

3. **Jesus Taught We Need God's Life Planted within Us to Transform Us:**

Six Teachings: 1) "Spiritual birth"- John 3:3-8; 2) "Living water" in us- John 4:10-11; 7:37-39; Jer. 17:12-14; 3) "God's Teaching" as food- Mat. 4:4 and 16:13-17; 4) "Jesus' teaching" planted as seed that grows and produces fruit- Luke 8:4-15; Mat. 13:3-23; Mark 4:19-20; 5) "Truth" that sets us free- John 18:37; 8:31-32; 6) The "Spirit of Truth" in us to help us learn- John 14:16-17, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:13-15

**Transforming Our Inner Nature is Jesus' Mission in Life**

4. **Jesus is Nurturing Our Transformation as Sons of God**

Five Teachings: 1) Jesus Taught Us How to Talk to God- Matthew 6:5-15 2) Jesus taught us to come to God as children willing to trust and learn- Matthew 18:3-5; Luke 18:15-17; Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:14; 3) Jesus taught Us to pursue "Unity" with the Family of God- Genesis 1:26-31; John 17:20-21; Mat. 25:31-40; Jeremiah 31:31-34; 4) Jesus taught us to display gratitude for His provision of forgiveness- Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 7:36-50 5) Jesus taught us to love the brethren like He did- John 15:8-17

**Jesus' Goal is to Establish Us as Children Sharing God's Work**

**Valley Park's Vision and Goals**

Making Jesus known, ... Building bridges with those disconnected through worship music, ... Teaching what it means to "truly" know Jesus ... Building a commitment to "hospitality" to promote relationships ... **"Gospel & Blues" Sundays**

**Anticipating the "Promised Land"**

1. **Crossing the Jordan River- First Song**

"I'm bound to cross through the cross"

Israel's History: Exodus and the Promised Land (Crossing Jordan)

The fulfillment of God's promises since the time of Abraham

**DVD- Patterns of Evidence: Exodus** Timothy P. Mahoney

**Past history of Jewish SUFFERING ending with VICTORY**

2. **Jesus' Promises Fulfilled**

"We're Gonna See the King" ... no more dying there

"It Will Get Better" ... whatever state I am in... I'm secure

**Luke 17:20-37 The Coming of the Kingdom of God**

20 Not coming as you would expect

21-23 You will long to see the "son of man" as you do now

24 Your next undeniable revelation will be like lightning

**Daniel 7:13-14** The End Goal of History!

25 Before the end goal, the "Son of Man" will be rejected

26-30 **NEXT-** The "Son of Man" will come without warning

31-35 Though frightening, the "Son of Man" will gather His own.

**Matthew 24:29-31**

**The destruction of evil will not be pretty!**

**The Kingdom Comes Through Fire**

"It Will Get Better" ... "You provide the fire ... I provide the sacrifice."

**This life is filled with struggles and conflict,  
but we live with conviction that Jesus is able and will heal  
creation and lead us into the "promised land."**

*The end is secured by the work of Jesus for those who  
believe.*