

Review:

A “Biblical Biggie” is my term for a Scripture that is

1. Critical – shaping a key Christian belief or character
2. Unique – saying it in a special clarity like no other verse
3. Memorable – therefore, worthy of remembering

I have chosen 70 such verses – just as Jesus sent out 70 to minister his message (Luke 10) so these 70 verses encapsulate the heart of God’s message to us.

These are verses that have “changed my life” = shaped my belief and character as a follower of Christ. Undoubtedly theses have or will do the same for you.

We will study 9 categories

- 1-3. GOD, JESUS, HOLY SPIRIT
- 4-6. SALVATION, BIBLE, PRAYER
- 7-9. BEHAVIOR, BELIEF, ETERNITY

7 BIBLICAL BIGGIES about JESUS**WORD**

1. John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

- This “beginning” is before the “beginning” of Genesis 1:1 – i.e. FROM the beginning
- The Word = “Logos” = communicative, relational One
- This chapter of John 1 is the unique place in Scripture that Jesus is called THE WORD
- This Word = Jesus was WITH GOD = separate from God
- This Word = Jesus WAS GOD = fully Divine, one with God

*PERSONAL IMPACT – God wants to communicate with me – not far removed
Jesus is fully God, yet fully separate in His person - unfathomable, yet true*

INCARNATE GOD

2. John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- This is the critical & most clear place in Scripture where we learn that God became man
- God dwelling among us implies PURPOSE as well as fact – i.e. “hung around us”

- “We beheld” means that man could catch at least a glimpse of God’s true glory in Jesus
- This was glory only seeable through Jesus, the essence of God Himself
- The specific glory seen was GRACE and TRUTH – special revelation
- *PERSONAL IMPACT – I am convinced that God walked on earth, for me – HUGE!*
- *More than any other reflection of God, I must reflect GRACE and TRUTH*

MESSIAH

3. Matthew 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

- Peter’s answer must be my answer and affirmation
- Jesus is MESSIAH – my faith is linked to the Jewish hope of a Savior/Redeemer
- This Messiah is fully Divine “Son of God”
- This is the God who EVER LIVES – the great “I AM”
- *PERSONAL IMPACT - Jesus was promised for me / I must personally affirm*

MEDIATOR

4. 1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

- The fingers of Michelangelo’s God and man never touch – JESUS IS THE BRIDGE
- Just as there is only ONE GOD – there is only ONE MEDIATOR (not many)
- “Also” implies that in the nature of God is the nature of mediator
- The mediation is MAN to GOD (not just heaven to earth)
- Only a perfect man could mediate (not an imperfect God)
- *PERSONAL IMPACT – Jesus is my only hope of touching God and reaching heaven*

SERVANT

5. Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

- “For even” indicates that we would think that Jesus would come to be exalted
- “Son of Man” was Jesus’ favorite term for Himself – identifying with me
- His purpose in coming was not to be served – nor should this be our goal in life
- Jesus came to serve – me and others. “Have this attitude” of humility (Phil. 2)
- “Ransom” – I am “bought back with a price” and I belong to Him
- “Many” means His death is sufficient for all, but not all will receive
- *PERSONAL IMPACT – My life must be to SERVE OTHERS*

DIED, BURIED, RAISED

6. 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4 *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for your sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.*

- Of 1st importance!
- Personally received
- Died – specifically FOR YOUR SINS – my assurance of sins forgiven
- Note: “according to the Scriptures” – this is our “God breathed” assurance
- Buried – He was buried – therefore, I am “buried” – my assurance of being “dead”
- Raised on the 3rd day – this is my assurance of new life
- Note: again, “according to the Scripture” – this is the key of the Scripture message
- *PERSONAL IMPACT* - “I am crucified with Christ”– & dead and raised (Gal. 2:20)

PREEMINENT

7. Colossians 1:15-19 *And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created by Him and for him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him.*

10 points of JESUS’ PREEMINENCE – God’s “good pleasure”

1. Image of God
2. First-born of creation (“begotten” of God)
3. Creator of all
4. All created for Him
5. Before all things
6. Sustainer of all
7. Head of the church body
8. The beginning
9. First-born from the dead (first to be resurrected)
10. First in everything

PERSONAL IMPACT – though I struggle with the likes of Bob Riddle (always first and best) – Jesus is worthy of being first & best – and worthy of my full devotion.

KEY CHAPTER: John 1 (especially v. 1-18)