

The Greatest of All Time (The GOAT)

In sports, people are continually debating who is the Greatest of All Time (GOAT).

In real life, there is NO DEBATE. Jesus has a resume that no one else can touch. He is THE GOAT!!

Week #1 – Who is this Jesus?

Colossians 1:12 – 18 (NKJV/MSG)

- Jesus is the author & finisher of our faith, as well as the ultimate source of our lives.
- He is the only One who is supposed to occupy a place in our hearts that gives Him *preeminence*.
- *Preeminence (Gr. Proteuo) – to be first, to hold the first place.*

John 15:5 (NKJV) *I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.*

- Life will not work right without JESUS.
- Many people live their lives baffled as to why life won't work. So, they try harder, change their scenery, divorce a good spouse, etc.; but, never realize that they need vital union with Christ.

It's More than Church Attendance

- Church attendance is good and necessary. Serving is good and necessary...but it's NOT ENOUGH!!
- Jesus wants our heart when there is no crowd around.
- **Mark 3:13 – 15 (NKJV)** *And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. 14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, 15 and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:*
- Jesus ordained the 12 disciples to BE WITH HIM. That was their primary calling!
- **QUOTE (Anonymous):** *Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God, will come to know God because they know you.*
- **Matthew 26:20 – 25 (NKJV)** *When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. 21 Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." 22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" 23 He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. 24 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." 25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."*
- Judas' life spiraled out of control because he refused to allow Jesus to be *preeminent* in his life. He wouldn't let Him be Kurios (Lord...he to whom a person or thing belongs; the owner; one who has control and power of deciding over another). He reduced him to Rabbi (Great Teacher)
- **Romans 8:35 (GNT)** – *Who, then, can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death?*

It's More than Works-Based Religion

- We have been MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS of God in Christ Jesus.
- Why this Jesus? Because nobody else had the resume and bloodline to set us free!!
- **Hebrews 10:14 (NLT)** – *"For by that one offering He forever made perfect those who are being made holy."*