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Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>  
from 6-10 pm.  
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Three weeks ago:

**I'm:** *Made in the Image of God*

# Created by God for God's Glory

Isaiah 47:6-7

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth — <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."



**Two week's ago:**

**OK:** *Justified, Adopted, and Glorified*

**Last week's message:**

**In:** *Union with Christ*

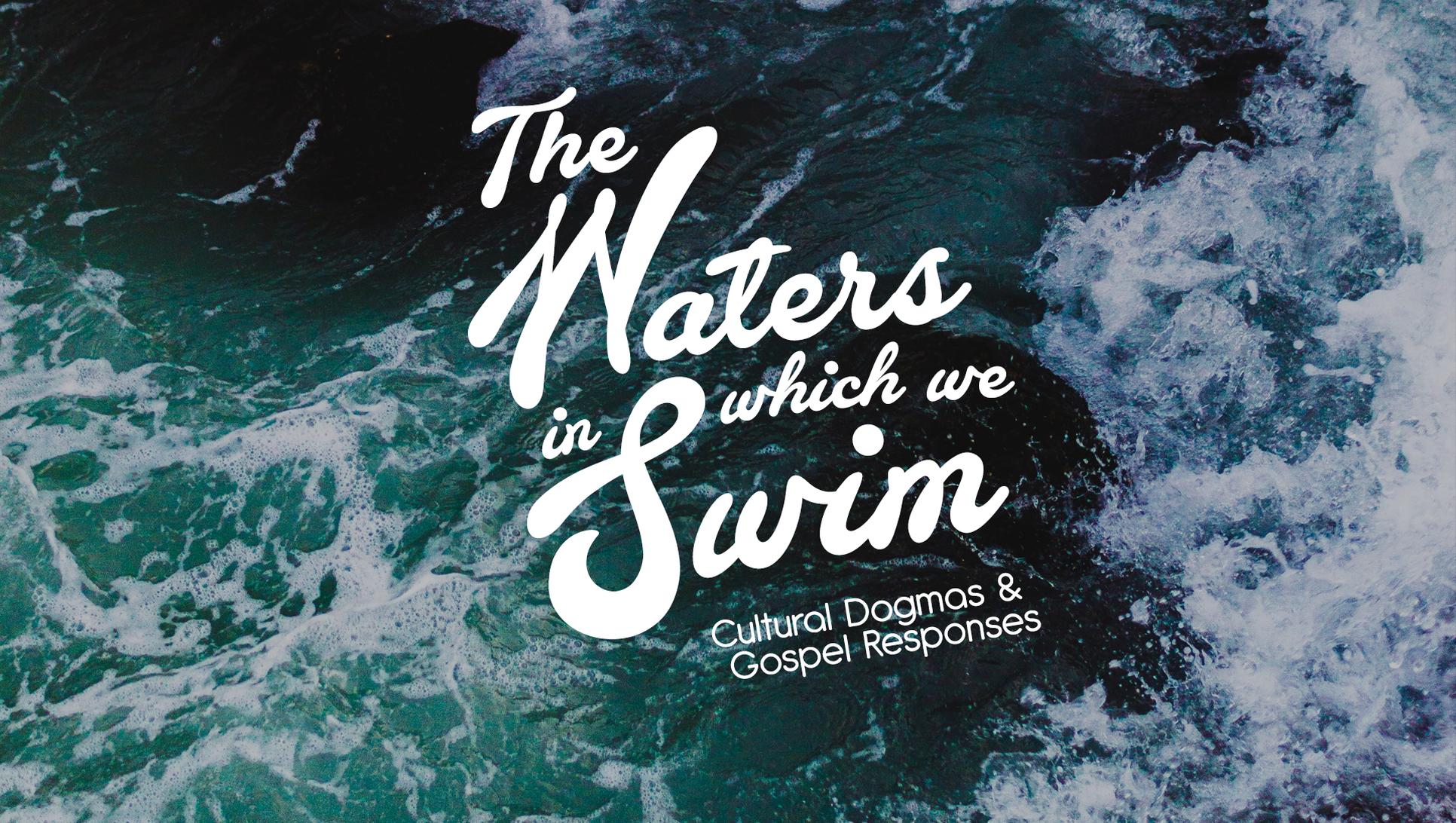
## Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has *blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ*. <sup>4</sup>For he *chose us in him* before the creation of the world to be *holy and blameless in his sight*. In love <sup>5</sup>he *predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ*, in accordance with his pleasure and will — <sup>6</sup>to the *praise of his glorious grace*, which he has *freely given us in the One* he loves.

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The  
Waters  
in which we  
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Cultural Dogmas &  
Gospel Responses



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Liar, a Lunatic, or Lord.**

C. S. Lewis

**Did Jesus claim to be God?**

## Matthew 13:53-58

<sup>53</sup> When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. <sup>54</sup> Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked.

<sup>55</sup> “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? <sup>56</sup> Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” <sup>57</sup> And they took offense at him...

<sup>58</sup> And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

## John 8:48-59

<sup>48</sup> The Jews answered him, “Aren’t we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?”

<sup>49</sup> “I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup> I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.”

<sup>52</sup> At this they exclaimed, “Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. <sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?”

## John 8:48-59

<sup>54</sup> Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.

<sup>55</sup> Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word.

<sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

<sup>57</sup> “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”

<sup>58</sup> “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” <sup>59</sup> At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

**Was he a liar?**

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**Was he a lunatic?**

## Matthew 26:1-4

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“As you know, the Passover is two days away – and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him.

## Matthew 26:42-46

<sup>42</sup> He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

<sup>43</sup> When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

<sup>45</sup> Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

**Is he Lord?**

## Luke 24:13-27

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked.

## Luke 24:13-27

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

## Luke 24:13-27

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

**But does he really need to be God?**

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*The Word God (Theos) Used of Christ*

*John 1:1,18;20,28*

*Romans 9:5*

*Titus 2:13*

*Hebrews 1:8 (quoting Ps 45:6)*

*2 Peter 1:1*

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*Payment needs to be an infinite sacrifice.*

## Hebrews 9:12-14

<sup>12</sup> He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. <sup>14</sup> How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

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*Only Mediator between God and People*

# 1 Timothy 2:5-6

<sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time

CALL  
& RESPONSE

## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

<sup>13</sup> See, my servant will act wisely;  
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

Congregation: I'm okay in Jesus.

## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

<sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were appalled at him – his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness –

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## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

<sup>15</sup> so he will sprinkle many nations,  
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.  
For what they were not told, they will see,  
and what they have not heard, they will  
understand.

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## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been  
revealed? <sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender  
shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

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## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire  
him.

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<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

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Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

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<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

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<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

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## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

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## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

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## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away.

Yet who of his generation protested?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
for the transgression of my people he was  
punished.

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<sup>9</sup> He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death,  
though he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

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## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

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<sup>11</sup> After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

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## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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# Gospel Application

*Are you OK in Jesus?*

*Do you believe Jesus is who he said he was*