**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
	1. Matthew 7:24
	2. Matthew 5:17-18
	3. The Lord Jesus said of Himself that He didn’t come to destroy but to fulfill.
		1. We need not be afraid of the Lord Jesus Christ.
			1. He is not a destroyer.
	4. The Lord Jesus is the one for whom your heart is longing.
		1. He is the one who can fulfill your deepest need.
		2. He is the one who can take the sorrow out of suffering, the sting out of death, and the gloom out of the grave.
		3. He can give you a hope that is steadfast and sure.
	5. If we don’t know the Lord Jesus Christ, then not only are we not fulfilled, but we are also deeply ignorant.
		1. We can know about biology and the study of life.
			1. But if we don’t know Jesus, the giver of life, then we are woefully educated.
		2. We might know geology and the ages of rocks.
			1. But if we don’t know Jesus the Solid Rock, then all other ground is sinking sand.
		3. If we know history but don’t know Jesus, in whom we live, move, and have our being, then we have missed it all.
	6. The wise man is ignorant, the strong man is weak, and the rich man is poor who does not know the Lord Jesus Christ.
	7. Christ is the center and the circumference of all that we need and seek.
	8. Jesus did not come to destroy; He came to fulfill.
		1. He came to meet the deepest longing of your life.
	9. In today’s message, we will think of the Lord Jesus Christ and how He fulfills.
	10. Matthew 5:17-18
2. jesus prophetically fulfills the word of god (matthew 5:17)
	1. Matthew 5:17
	2. The key to understanding the Bible is the Lord Jesus Christ.
		1. Jesus is the central figure of the Bible.
		2. He is the key that unlocks the door to the mysteries of God’s Word.
		3. If you read the Bible and don’t see the Lord Jesus, then go back and reread it.
	3. Luke 24:27
		1. After the resurrection, Jesus was on the road to Emmaus, and He came alongside two of His disciples.
			1. They didn’t recognize Him in His resurrected form.
			2. They were having a discussion about all that had happened.
		2. Jesus opened the Scriptures and showed Himself to them in the Scriptures.
			1. Jesus didn’t just mention, but He expounded in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.
		3. The Scriptures that Jesus talked about (Moses and all of the prophets) was the Old Testament.
			1. Never get the idea that the New Testament is about Jesus, and the Old Testament is about something else.
			2. All of the Old Testament is about the Lord Jesus Christ.
	4. John 5:39
		1. This is a command of the Lord Jesus.
		2. When Jesus said this, the New Testament had not yet been written.
			1. There was no New Testament except in the heart and mind of God.
	5. Acts 10:43
	6. When we study prophecy, it is not about something.
		1. It is about someone, the Lord Jesus Christ.
	7. When you open the Bible, you meet the Lord Jesus Christ.
		1. In Genesis, He is the seed of the woman.
			1. Genesis 3:15
				1. This is the first prophecy.
		2. In Exodus, we read the story of the Passover lamb.
			1. The New Testament tells us that Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.
				1. 1 Corinthians 5:7
		3. In Leviticus, we read of sacrifices on smoking Jewish altars.
			1. Christ is our high priest and our atoning sacrifice.
		4. In Numbers, Moses took a rod and smote a rock, and out of that rock came forth water.
			1. The Bible says that that rock was Christ, and from His smitten side comes the water of life.
		5. In Deuteronomy, Moses prophesied of a Prophet who was yet to come, a “Prophet like unto me”.
			1. Deuteronomy 18:15
			2. That Prophet is the Lord Jesus Christ.
		6. In Joshua, Joshua met a man who identified Himself as the Captain of the Lord’s host.
			1. This was a pre-incarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ.
		7. In Judges, as the judges delivered God’s people, each one of them prefigured and typified the Lord Jesus, who is the deliverer of God’s people.
		8. In Ruth, Boaz is a picture, type, and prophecy of Jesus Christ, our Kinsman Redeemer.
		9. In 1 Samuel, David’s anointing was a picture, a prophecy, and a type of the Lord Jesus, our Anointed One.
		10. In 2 Samuel, the king enthroned is a picture and prophecy of the enthronement of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
		11. In 1 Kings, as the glory of the Lord filled the temple, it spoke of the Shekinah glory of Christ who fills the temple of our hearts.
		12. In 2 Kings, we see the royal seed as it is preserved.
			1. This is a picture of Christ, who is the royal seed.
		13. In 1 Chronicles, He is the glorious King.
		14. In 2 Chronicles, He is the Lord appearing to Solomon to give him wisdom.
		15. In Ezra, Jesus is pictured as the Lord God of our fathers.
		16. In Nehemiah, He is the restorer of Israel.
		17. In Esther, Esther is a picture and a prophecy of the Lord Jesus who intercedes for His people and who is our advocate.
		18. In Job, Job said that he knew that his Redeemer liveth, and in latter days shall stand upon the Earth.
			1. Job 19:25
			2. Through the eye of faith, Job pictured and prophesied the Lord Jesus, the Daysman.
				1. Job 9:33
				2. 1 Timothy 2:5
		19. In the book of Psalms, we see Jesus over and over again.
			1. Psalm 2 speaks of the Son of God, who is indeed the King.
			2. Psalm 23:1
				1. In this Psalm, David was speaking of Jesus, who said, “I am the Good Shepherd.”

John 10:11

* + 1. The book of Proverbs speaks of wisdom.
			1. Christ is the wisdom of God.
				1. 1 Corinthians 1:30
		2. The writer of Ecclesiastes wondered about the riddles of life.
			1. There is only one who is the answer to the riddles of life, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ.
				1. Jesus gives significance to life.
		3. The Song of Solomon is about the Heavenly Bridegroom, the Lord Jesus Christ, who loves His church.
		4. In Isaiah, Jesus Christ steps out of the pages.
			1. He is Emmanuel, God with us.
			2. He is to be born of a virgin.
			3. He is wonderful, counselor, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace.
				1. Isaiah 9:6
		5. In Jeremiah, the Lord Jesus is the divine potter who shapes our lives.
		6. In Lamentations, the Lord Jesus is the Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief.
		7. In Ezekiel, we see the Lord Jesus as the glory of God.
		8. In Daniel, we see the Lord Jesus as a stone cut out of a mountain without hands.
			1. This speaks of the sure, swift, and sudden second coming of Jesus Christ.
		9. In Hosea, we see a prophecy of the Lord Jesus.
			1. He is the child called out of Egypt.
		10. In the book of Joel, Jesus is pictured as the hope of His people.
		11. In Amos, Jesus is the judge of the nations.
			1. John 5:22
		12. In Obadiah, He is the Lord of the coming kingdom.
		13. In the book of Jonah when Jonah went to Nineveh, he pictured Christ going to the Gentiles.
			1. And as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, the Son of Man was three days and three nights in the heart of the Earth.
				1. Matthew 12:40
		14. In Micah, He is Bethlehem’s babe.
			1. Micah tells us where He would be born and that He would be a ruler in Israel.
		15. In Nahum, the Lord Jesus is the stronghold in the day of trouble.
		16. In the book of Habakkuk, He is the Lord in His holy temple.
		17. In Zephaniah, He is the King of Israel.
		18. In Haggai, He is the Lord of hosts.
		19. In Zechariah, we see the prophecy of the Lord Jesus riding upon a colt into Jerusalem.
		20. In Malachi, He is called the Sun of Righteousness.
			1. Malachi 4:2
			2. Some golden daybreak, Jesus will come.
	1. In prophecy, we find the Lord Jesus.
		1. The Bible says that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
			1. Revelation 19:10
	2. Of all the billions of people who have ever lived, there is only one person who could have fulfilled the prophecies.
		1. Matthew 5:17
		2. The Messiah would be from a certain race.
			1. Genesis 3:15
				1. He would be the seed of the woman.
		3. The Messiah would be from a section of that race.
			1. Three sections of the human race came out of the ark:
				1. Ham
				2. Shem
				3. Japheth
			2. Genesis 9:26
				1. The Messiah would be a descendant of Shem.
		4. The Messiah would come from a nation of that section.
			1. He would be of the seed of Abraham.
				1. He would be a son of Isaac.

Genesis 12:1-3

* + 1. The Messiah would come from a tribe out of that nation.
			1. He would be from the tribe of Judah.
				1. Genesis 49:10
		2. The Messiah would come from a family of that tribe.
			1. He would be a son of Jesse.
				1. 2 Samuel 7
		3. He would come from a certain woman of that family.
			1. Isaiah 7:14
				1. She had to be a virgin.
			2. She had to give birth in a certain place.
				1. Micah 5:2 says that He has to be born in Bethlehem.
		4. He would be born at a certain time.
			1. The prophet Daniel gives the time when the Messiah would be born.
			2. Galatians 4:4
		5. There is only one who is the Messiah, the Son of God.
			1. Jesus has fulfilled all the prophecies.
	1. The Bible is the inspired Word of God.
		1. There are over 333 prophecies concerning the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
	2. The Old Testament prophets painted a portrait of someone they had never seen.
		1. They painted a word portrait of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.
		2. They talked about His ancestry, His birth time, His forerunner, His birth place, His birth manner, His infancy, His manhood, His teaching, His character, His preaching, His reception, His rejection, His death, His burial, His resurrection, and His ascension.
			1. These were written centuries before Jesus’ birth.
			2. Matthew 5:17
1. jesus practically fulfills the word of god
	1. Not only did Jesus fulfill the prophets, but He also fulfilled the law.
	2. The law speaks of the righteous demands of God upon human kind, and we have all failed.
		1. There is only one who has fulfilled the law, and His name is Jesus.
	3. Jesus fulfilled the moral law of God.
		1. Jesus kept the moral law of God so perfectly that He could look at His accusers and say, “Which of you can convict Me of sin?”
			1. John 8:46
		2. Sin is the transgression of the law, and Jesus kept the law perfectly.
			1. He obeyed every point.
	4. Jesus fulfilled the ceremonial law.
		1. All of the Old Testament ceremonies are about the Lord Jesus Christ.
			1. They are shadows and pictures of the Lord Jesus Christ.
			2. For example, the tabernacle was a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.
				1. When the Bible describes God creating the stars, the Bible uses only five words.

“*He made the stars also*.”

Genesis 1:16

* + - * 1. But when God describes the tabernacle, He takes over fifty chapters to talk about a tent in the wilderness.

Because that tent and the ceremonies that took place in that tent were pictures of the Lord Jesus Christ.

* + - * 1. John 1:14

Jesus dwelt (tabernacled) among us.

* + - * 1. The tabernacle with all of its hangings, sockets, foundations, tapestries, and furniture, was a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus fulfilled it all.

They were just shadows of the One who was to come.

* + 1. We don’t need a high priest today.
			1. We have one in Heaven, and His name is Jesus.
		2. We don’t keep the Old Testament Sabbath today (which is Saturday) because Christ is our rest.
			1. We should rest in Him 365 days a year, 7 days a week, and 24 hours a day.
			2. He is the believer’s rest.
		3. We don’t have to have a smoking altar with a burning sacrifice.
			1. The blood of Jesus, God’s Son, cleanses us from all sin.
	1. Jesus fulfilled the judicial law of God.
		1. The law of God judicially says that the wages of sin is death, that the soul that sins shall surely die, and that there is no remission of sin without the shedding of blood.
			1. Romans 6:23
			2. Ezekiel 18:20
			3. Hebrews 9:22
		2. The Old Testament sacrifices didn’t save.
			1. It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sin.
			2. All they did was to get people ready for the sacrifice that was to come.
				1. God’s perfect Lamb, our Passover Lamb.
		3. Every Old Testament sacrifice meant that sin brings death.
			1. Romans 6:23
			2. God was giving a conditioned response to His people to get ready for the coming of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.
		4. John 1:29
		5. Galatians 3:13
		6. Jesus took our sin and paid our debt.
			1. God doesn’t just overlook our sin when He forgives us.
			2. Our sin has been paid for by the Lord Jesus, who has fulfilled all the demands of the law.
				1. He fulfilled the moral demands of the law.
				2. He fulfilled the ceremonial demands of the law.
				3. He fulfilled the judicial demands of the law.
				4. Therefore, Jesus and only Jesus is qualified to be the Savior of the world.
	2. Romans 10:4
		1. Jesus fulfilled the law for us.
			1. Now, He fulfills it in us.
1. jesus perfectly fulfills the word of god (matthew 5:18)
	1. Matthew 5:18
		1. He is watching over His Word.
		2. “*Verily I say unto you*” means to pay attention.
			1. It is His exclamation point put at the first of the sentence.
			2. It means, “Truly I say unto you,” and “Assuredly I say unto you”.
		3. “A jot” and “a tittle” speak of the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet and the smallest marking.
	2. Jesus Christ believed in the inerrancy of the Word of God, in the infallibility of the Word of God, and in the immutability of the Word of God.
		1. If we call ourselves Christians, then Jesus’ view concerning the Scriptures must be our view.
	3. Jesus and the Scriptures rise and fall together.
		1. Matthew 5:17-18
			1. The law and the prophets mean all of the Old Testament.
				1. Jesus believed that the Old Testament is the Word of God.
		2. The authority of Jesus Christ and the authority of the Bible stand together.
		3. When we accept the authority of Christ, we must also accept the authority of the Bible.
	4. The Bible presents the Lord Jesus Christ.
		1. The Bible is His book.
	5. Habakkuk 2:14
	6. Our Lord is coming.
		1. Heaven and Earth will pass away, but Jesus said that His Word would never pass away.
		2. The same Bible that so accurately portrayed the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is the same Bible that points to the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
		3. Matthew 5:18
2. CONCLUSION
	1. Jesus is the Great Fulfiller.
		1. He came to fulfill the longing in your heart.
		2. Only true pleasures in Jesus abound.
		3. He didn’t come to destroy.
			1. He came to fulfill.
	2. A wise man is ignorant, a strong man is weak, and a rich man is poor who doesn’t know Jesus, the Great Fulfiller.
	3. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
	4. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. Acts 16:31
		5. John 3:16