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"CHRIST-LESS CHRISTIANITY"

John 5:39 – 44

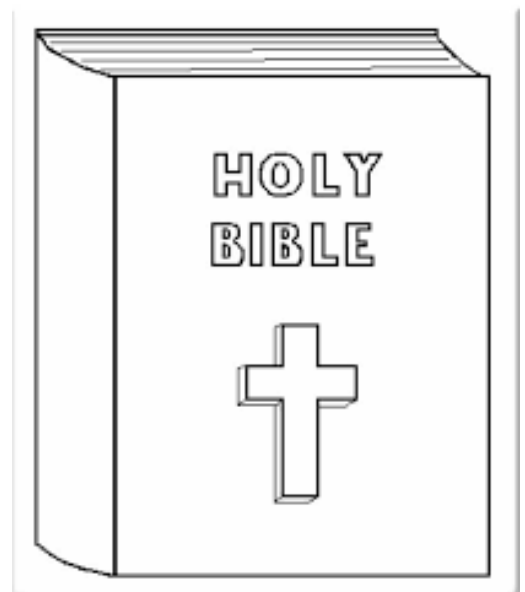
New International Version (NIV)

³⁹ You study^a the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

⁴¹ "I do not accept glory from human beings, ⁴² but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. ⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God^b?

Footnotes:

- a. [John 5:39](#) Or ³⁹ Study
- b. [John 5:44](#) Some early manuscripts *the Only One*



Sermon Notes:

Main Truths:

1. It is easy to _____ Christ in our Christianity.
2. Our culture _____ a “lesser” Christ Christianity.
3. We only thrive when we _____ the Christ of Christianity.

Background Notes on the passage: _____

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How can we miss Christ in Christianity?

1. *It is easy to miss Christ in our Christianity.*

A. Missing Christ in spiritual leaders. _____

B. Missing Christ in bible knowledge and theology. _____

C. Missing Christ in our ministry to one another. _____

D. Missing Christ in our traditions and rituals. _____

2. *Our Culture embraces a "lesser" Christ Christianity.*

"All religions are not the same. All religions do not point to God. All religions do not say that all religions are the same. At the heart of every religion is an uncompromising commitment to a particular way of defining who God is or is not and accordingly, of defining life's purpose."

- Ravi Zacharias, author, apologist

"Moses could mediate on the law; Muhammad could brandish a sword; Buddha could give personal counsel; Confucius could offer wise sayings; but none of these men was qualified to offer an atonement for the sins of the world....Christ alone is worthy of unlimited devotion and service."

- R.C. Sproul

3. We only thrive when we rediscover the Christ of Christianity!

Only the Christ of the bible can...

A. Free us forever from sin and its power. _____

B. Dwell with us in our suffering. _____

C. Treasure and love us unconditionally. _____

Conclusion:

"If you have been trusting in your baptism, if you have been trusting in your profession of faith, if you have been trusting in your church membership, or your knowledge of the bible or doctrine, or in your generous stewardship, or your Christian upbringing, if you have been trusting in anything other than Jesus Christ and his death upon the cross in your place, through whatever it is completely out of your mind. Abandon it. Stamp upon it. Grind it down. Dust off the place it lay. Then turn to Jesus Christ alone, and trust him only."

- Boice Boice

Christianity doesn't save you...only Christ does!

Application Questions:

1. When was the last time you lost something? _____

2. Why is it easy to lose "Jesus" in our lives? _____

3. How does rediscovering Jesus help us thrive in desperate times? _____
