

## HANDOUT – THE ROLES OF JESUS

### THE WITNESS:

**John 18:36 - John 18:37 (NASB)** <sup>37</sup>Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say *correctly* that I am a king. **For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth.** Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

What truth? That Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life...sent to us by God

**John 5:25 - John 5:39 (NASB)**

<sup>25</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup>“**For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;** <sup>27</sup>**and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.** <sup>28</sup>“Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, <sup>29</sup>and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.

<sup>30</sup>“I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

<sup>31</sup>“**If I alone testify about Myself, My testimony is not true.** <sup>32</sup>“There is another who testifies of Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true.

<sup>33</sup>“**You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.** <sup>34</sup>“But the testimony which I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup>“He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

<sup>36</sup>“But the testimony which I have is greater than *the testimony of John*; **for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very works that I do—testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.**

<sup>37</sup>“**And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me.** You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form. <sup>38</sup>“You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.

<sup>39</sup>“You search **the Scriptures** because you think that in them you have eternal life; **it is these that testify about Me;**

We, also, are witnesses to the Truth

**Luke 24:44 - Luke 24:48 (NASB)**

<sup>44</sup>Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

<sup>45</sup>Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and He said to them, “**Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.**

<sup>48</sup>“**You are witnesses of these things.**

Jesus opened their minds to the Scripture – the places in the Old Testament that foretold this same truth . One of these is Isa 55.

**Isa 55:1 - Isa 55:7 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> “Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters;  
And you who have no money come, buy and eat.  
Come, buy wine and milk  
Without money and without cost.

<sup>2</sup> “Why do you spend money for what is not bread,  
And your wages for what does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,  
And delight yourself in abundance.

<sup>3</sup> “**Incline your ear and come to Me.**

**Listen, that you may live;**

**And I will make an everlasting covenant with you,  
According to the faithful mercies shown to David.**

<sup>4</sup> “**Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples, [all peoples]  
A leader and commander for the peoples.**

<sup>5</sup> “Behold, you will call a nation you do not know, [Gentiles]  
And a nation which knows you not will run to you,

Because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of Israel;  
For He has glorified you.”

**<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while He may be found;  
Call upon Him while He is near.**

**<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way  
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
And let him return to the LORD,  
And He will have compassion on him,  
And to our God,  
For He will abundantly pardon.**

Summary of the Witness:

***Acts 10:42 - Acts 10:43 (NASB)***

**<sup>42</sup>“And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>“Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”**

#### **THE FIRSTBORN OF THE DEAD:**

***Col 1:13 – 15, 18-20 (NASB)***

**<sup>13</sup>For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,  
<sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

**<sup>15</sup>And He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation... <sup>18</sup>He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, <sup>20</sup>and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.**

***1 Cor 15:20 - 1 Cor 15:26 (NIV)***

**<sup>20</sup>But Christ has indeed been **raised from the dead, the firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup>**For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.** <sup>23</sup>**But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.** <sup>24</sup>Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>**The last enemy to be destroyed is death.****

#### **THE RULER OVER THE KINGS OF THE EARTH:**

***Dan 7:13 - Dan 7:14 (NASB)***

**<sup>13</sup> “I kept looking in the night visions,  
And behold, with the clouds of heaven  
**One like a Son of Man was coming,**  
And He came up to the Ancient of Days  
And was presented before Him.**

**<sup>14</sup> “**And to Him was given dominion,  
Glory and a kingdom,  
That all the peoples, nations and *men of every language*  
Might serve Him.****

**His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
Which will not pass away;  
**And His kingdom is one  
Which will not be destroyed.****

***Dan 7:25 - Dan 7:27 (NASB)***

**<sup>25</sup>He [the Antichrist] will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. <sup>26</sup>But the court will sit *for judgment*, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. <sup>27</sup>**Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of *all the kingdoms under the whole heaven* will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom *will be an everlasting kingdom*, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.****

NO CONDEMNATION FOR BELIEVERS:

**John 3:17 - John 3:18 (TLB)**

<sup>17</sup>God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.

<sup>18</sup>“There is no eternal doom awaiting those who trust him to save them.

**Rom 8:2 - Rom 8:2 (TLB)** <sup>1</sup>So there is now no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup>For the power of the life-giving Spirit—and this power is mine through Christ Jesus—has freed me from the vicious circle of sin and death.

THE JEWS ARE A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS:

**Ex 19:3 - Ex 19:6 (NIV)** <sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel:

<sup>4</sup>“You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

ALL BELIEVERS ARE PART OF THIS PROMISE:

**Rev 5:9 - Rev 5:10 (NASB)**

<sup>9</sup>And they sang\* a new song, saying,

“Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

<sup>10</sup> “You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”