Jesus Is The Draw

Tony Mauck · Acts 4:8–12

INTRODUCTION

- It's so often about what hits me right, what suits me, how I feel, what works for me.
- It's not about you. It's about the living water. It's about the bread of life. It is about who Jesus is.

1 A High Priest Made Perfect Forever

Hebrews 7:25–28

- These verses are drawing a contrast between the priests that we read about in the Old Testament and the kind of priest Jesus is.
- It was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.
- For the law appointed men as high priests who were weak. But the word of the oath which came after the law anoints a son, made perfect forever.
- He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

2 No Other Name Under Heaven

Acts 4:10–12

- And there is salvation in no one else. This is salvation exclusivity.
- For there is no other name under heaven which has been given among men by which we must be saved.
- Whatever it is that you choose to do, you better make sure that at the top of your heart, at the top of your list is Jesus the Nazarene.
- There is no draw as great or as powerful as Jesus, who has a name above all names.

3 Far Above All Rule and Authority

Ephesians 1:18–22

- He is far above all rule and authority and power and dominion. He's not just above it, he's far above it.
- He is far above every name that shall be named, not only now, not only in this age, but also in the age to come.
- I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling.

4 Charismatic People Are Not the Draw

- I think sometimes we think if the church is dynamic enough, if the preaching is persuasive and eloquent enough that we can get people to be faithful.
- A lot of people didn't listen to Jesus. So why would I expect that everyone would want to listen to me?
- They hear your words, they'll sit at your feet, they'll listen to you, but they do not do them because their heart goes after their own desires.
- It's not about the one who delivers it. It never will be. He will never be enough. It is about your connection to the King of Kings.

5 Christ-Like Caring People Are Not the Draw

1 Corinthians 14:25

- What we do as a church and who we are and how we treat people, all of that's important.
- But there ought to be something about us that says we're indeed the true people of God. But even that, even that is not sufficient.
- Don't let anyone be the cause why you leave church. They're not the reason you go to church in the first place.
- The draw is the Savior. The draw is the Lord. The draw is our high priest.

6 Salvation Is in His Name

John 12:32; Acts 19

- If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself.
- Salvation in his name means on the basis of all that he accomplished, on the basis of all that he now is, and on the basis of all that he will forever be.
- To baptize people in Jesus' name was not even possible until he ascended and then possesses as a result the name that is above every name.
- The peace that Jesus came to provide is for you, the alienated sinner, to be able to come into union with a perfect and holy God.
- To be immersed in water upon your belief and confidence in Jesus attaches you to the saving work that Jesus did at Calvary.

THE CHALLENGE

One thing better be on your agenda above all else. A right relationship with he who possesses the name above all names.

MY NOTES