

“Consider Him”

Hebrews 12:3a

May 5, 2019

INTRO: Good morning! **Welcome to THE BRIDGE!**

This morning we're going to do things differently...

*This morning I want to ask you to **consider considering...***

Everyone, in every way... Please *“Consider Christ”* with me...

Really think about...

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| ➤ Why are you here? | Why aren't you here? |
| ➤ Why do you come? | Why don't you come? |
| ➤ What do you expect? | What don't you expect? |
| ➤ What is your focus? | What isn't your focus? |
| ➤ What do you want? | What don't you want? |
| ➤ What's important...? | What's not important? |
| ➤ What takes priority? | What isn't a priority? |
| ➤ What is worship? | What isn't worship? |
| ➤ What is prayer? | What isn't prayer? |

Consider what did Jesus do FOR you?

Consider what did YOU do TO Jesus?

Consider the cost of not considering the cost of & to Christ...

PRAYER: Lord, overwhelm us with your **love** & **presence!**

WORSHIP: *“The Same Love”* (4:45)

God's WORD: Hebrews 12:1-3a

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles, and let us run with endurance the race set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the founder & finisher of faith, who, for the joy set before him, endured the cross, despising its shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

“Consider Him...”

*** *“Consider Him”* = start of worship

~ Gk: *consider* = Eng. “logarithm”

- “To intensely contemplate” & “add things up”
- “Reason to a conclusion”

“Repeated reflection that goes up the ladder of Truth!”

*** ***Consider His CHRISTOLOGY***

> Deity & Trinity

> Power, Promises & Sovereignty

> Uniqueness / Holiness

> Offices, Work & Worship

> Attributes & Awe-someness

> Priorities, Purposes & People

> Character, Compassion, Cross & Cup

> Unchanging & Unflinching

> Faithful-Love & Flowing-Blood

>>> Sacrificial Atonement <<<

T/S: Let's consider defining our consideration of Christ
(See the timelessness & truth...)

We consider... to... Inform, Inspect, & Inspire us!

Hebrews 1:1-3

***1**Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, **2**but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. **3**He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*

VIDEO: DEFINITIONS 1 (4:05)

Let's PRAY: Lord, PLEASE overwhelm us with your
purity & purposes!

"Consider Him..."

Jesus came to:

- **DO** the WILL of the FATHER (Heb. 10:7)
- **PREACH** the Gospel
- **SEEK & SAVE** Lost SINNERS (Heb. 9:6)
- **BE** made LIKE His PEOPLE (Heb. 2:14-17)

- ...SERVE
- ...to GIVE His LIFE as a RANSOM
- ...DESTROY the Devil & his works (Heb. 2:14)
- ...to FULFILL the Law & the Prophets
- ...GIVE ETERNAL LIFE
- ...to CALL Sinners to REPENTANCE
- ...to BE our FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST (Heb. 2:17ff)

WORSHIP: *“Come To the Table”* (4:15)

Let’s PRAY: Lord, overwhelm us with your power!

God’s WORD: Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when My Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will BE My witnesses... (locally, regionally, and globally)”

BIG IDEA: Lord, may our faith grow & your glory spread as we *“consider Christ”* more carefully.
“Consider Him...”

John 12:24-27

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it

bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, & whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; & where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. "Now is my soul troubled & what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour."

VIDEO: *DEFINITIONS 2* (10:35)

Luke 14:27

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

PRAYER: Lord... overwhelm our children with your grace!

Release the Children

(Distribute COMMUNION)

WORSHIP: *"Amazing Grace/Rising Sun"* (4:35)

- Take these elements IN CONSIDERATION...
- Take these elements *"in REMEMBRANCE of Me"*

“Remembering is deliberate recollection.” - Strong's

- Remembering = *redemptive reminiscing*
- Remembering = *experiential revisiting*
- Remembering = *first hand knowledge*

(Key contextualize insight...)

The LOST can only consider... The FOUND remember! - JDP

- Take the bread and eat...
- Take the cup and drink...
- Take this time to consider, remember, & worship

Consider Him...

VIDEO: *DEFINITIONS 4* (5:55)

Let's PRAY: Lord, overwhelm us with your passions!

WORSHIP: *“My Jesus”* (5:55)

1 Peter 2:21-25

*For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. **22**He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. **23**When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. **24**He himself bore our sins in his body on*

*the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed. **25**For you were
straying like sheep, but have now returned to the
Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

VIDEO: *DEFINITIONS 5* (3:35)

PRAYER: Lord, overwhelm us with the truth of **Isaiah 53**

***1**Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*

***2**He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.*

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

***3**He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.*

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

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

***5**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.*

***6**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.*

*7He 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.*

*8By oppression ^a 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. ^b*

*9He 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.*

*10Yet 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.*

*11After 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.*

WORSHIP/Offering: *"King of the World"* (3:40)

God's WORD: [Acts 4:12](#)

*"...there is salvation in no one else;
for there is no other name under heaven that has been
given among men by which we must be saved."*

VIDEO: *DEFINITIONS 6* (1:15)

Let's PRAY: Lord, overwhelm us with your promises!

WORSHIP / Take-Aways *"ALL My Hope Is In Jesus"* (3:50)

CLOSE / PRAYER: Lord, let us consider & remember all that went into Your Cup... Your Cross... and our CALL to be Your Church... Your Ministers of Reconciliation... Your AMBASSADORS.

Consider Him...

- We are the nails
- The tones remind us of His proven promises
- The cards remind us of the mMm
- The cups can be thrown away... thanks to Christ!

May we remember Philippians 4:13!

Amen & AMEN

WORSHIP: *"Confidence"* 2X-3X (3:00 - 9:00)