



Christ's Perfect Provision

When the World Doesn't Understand Us

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1. Understand _____ (vv.7-9)

A. They Prefer Jesus Not be _____ (v.7a)

B. They Prefer Jesus Not be _____ (v.7b)

C. They Prefer Jesus Not be _____ (v.8)

D. They Prefer Jesus Not be _____ (v.9)

2. Present _____... (v.9b)

A.

B.

C.

D.

Luke 9:7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, **8** by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. **9** Herod said, "John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he sought to see him.
(ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Luke 9:20**. Why is this sermon about the world's opinions of Christ useless until we reach the firm and resolute conclusion of Peter? Briefly describe the time this became the life-changing affirmation in your life.
2. Read **Luke 9:5**. In your discussions with someone about Jesus, what are some of the specific indicators that you need to "move on"? How does this work when the "someone" is a beloved family member or friend?
3. Read **Acts 8:27-35**. How does this passage challenge you regarding your readiness to biblically present Christ? What specifically can you do to become more proficient in this regard?
4. Read **Ephesians 6:19-20**. Why is prayer such an important provision when we are presenting and defending the biblical Christ?
5. Read **1 Peter 3:14-17**. What are some indicators that the grief you are receiving for your Christianity has negatively impacted your attitude? How can you prevent this kind of negativity as you seek to be Christ's Ambassador (2Cor.5:20)?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

October 5th

Is.31-33 & Phil.1

October 6th

Is.34-36 & Phil.2

October 7th

Is.37-38 & Phil.3

October 8th

Is.39-40 & Phil.4

October 9th

Is.41-42 & Col.1

October 10th

Is.43-44 & Col.2

October 11th

Is.45-47 & Col.3

October 12th

Is.48-49 & Col.4

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 12-32 – **Luke: God's Diligent Student**

Msg. 13-38 – **When You're Ridiculed for Christ**

Msg. 13-17 – **Presenting Christ: Dealing with Objections**

Msg. 07-38 – **The Enduring Clash with Nativity's Antagonist**

Msg. 06-19 – **How to Decipher Truth in an Age of Conspiracy, Distrust & Relativism?**

Msg. 08-18 – **Gospel Crazy: Confident in Its Veracity**

Msg. 00-23 – 00-28 – **The Big Questions** (a six-part series on basic apologetics)

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Beckwith, Francis and Greg Koukl. **Relativism: Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-air**. Baker Books, 1998.

Blomberg, Craig L. **The Historical Reliability of the Gospels**. InterVarsity, 1986.

Craig, William Lane. **Reasonable Faith: Christian Truth & Apologetics**. Crossway Books, 1984.

Ewert, David. **From Ancient Tablets to Modern Translations: A General Introduction to the Bible**. Zondervan, 1993.

Geisler, Norman. **Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics**. Baker Books, 1999.

Lewis, C. S. **Miracles: How God Intervenes in Nature and Human Affairs**. MacMillan Publishing, 1947.

McDowell, Josh and Don Stewart. **Handbook of Today's Religions**. Thomas Nelson, 1992.

McGrath, Alistair. **Intellectuals Don't Need God & Other Modern Myths**. Zondervan, 1993.

Nash, Ronald H. **Worldviews in Conflict: Choosing Christianity in a World of Ideas**. Zondervan, 1992.

Pache, Rene. **The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture**. Moody Press, 1969.

Pearcy, Nancy. **Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity**. Crossway, 2008.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The God Who is There: Speaking Historic Christianity into the 20th Century**. InterVarsity, 1968.

Wilson, Bill, ed. **A Ready Defense: The Best of Josh McDowell**. Thomas Nelson, 1993.

Zacharias, Ravi. **Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message**. Word Publishing, 2000.