

REDEMPTION CHURCH

He Saves Us: A Preview | *He Gets Us? He Saves Us!*

BIG POINT

Looking at the big difference between the idea that Jesus “gets us” and the (much better) idea that He “saves us”.

LUKE 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

LUKE 14:23

And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.

HEBREWS 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

This week’s sermon was a preview of our upcoming series, “He Saves Us.”

The recent “He Gets Us” ads that debuted during the Super Bowl was a moving, highly cinematic portrayal of Christ understanding the everyday man. It is easy to get caught up in the theatrics, the music, and the general idea that Christ “gets” us.

The last scene depicted Jesus washing people’s feet with the tagline, “*Jesus washed the feet of both his friends and his enemies...*” Wrong! Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, including Judas (and said of him that he needed to be clean).

Let’s look closer at the difference between Jesus getting, or understanding, us and Him saving us.

Notes:

Point #1: Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

See Luke 19:10. Jesus loves lost people.

- He loves them so much that He came from heaven to earth to rescue them.
- He did this fully knowing that we were sinners –caught in sin, prone to sin, enslaved to sin. He knew, yet He still came.

Point #2: Everyone is invited to experience redemption.

See Luke 14:23.

- It doesn’t matter who we are, Jesus came to rescue us from sin.
- This is best embodied by the fact that He rescued us!

So, when we evaluate these two points doesn’t this necessarily mean that Jesus “gets us”?

Point #3: Jesus understands human weakness and temptation.

See Hebrews 4:15. Jesus indeed gets us!

- He understands our human condition because He became human.
- He understands what is in the heart of man because He designed man.

He Gets Us translates to: Jesus...

- made/accepts me this way.
- understands my struggle and wouldn't want me to struggle.
- unconditionally loves me, so it doesn't matter what I do.
- isn't *religious*, so He wouldn't hold me to the standard that those religious people do.

We Believe

Jesus Christ is both God and Man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He led a sinless life, took all our sins upon Himself, died and rose again, and we are saved by his shed blood. Today, He is seated at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest and Mediator. He will return for His Church.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

⁹Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? ...

¹¹And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (See full text here)

Now What?

Don't seek someone who will get you, seek the One who can save you. *Such were some of these.* Be set free from your bondage!

- He understands the weight of temptation because He faced it Himself.

Of course, Jesus gets us. But, when these commercials fly about, what do you think they mean? What do you think they are saying? Like many things, the devil is deceitful and uses the language of the Gospel to confuse.

A lot of people say, "Well, isn't the point of the videos to just introduce people to Jesus?"

In the Bible, the point of the Gospel was never about just getting people to Jesus. The gospel of *He Gets Us* isn't a gospel at all –it isn't Good News if Jesus either doesn't use or have the power to change or save us.

If the whole point was to raise awareness about the Gospel, then we'd expect to see the gospel on their website right? Right! So is it there? Nope!

- There is no mention of sin. No sign of [Romans 3:23](#) or [6:23](#)
- What do they believe about Jesus? "The Jesus of the Bible" is about as vague as can be. Compare that with the writings of the Scriptures that were constantly giving clear details on who Jesus was (see [Colossians 1:15-23](#)).

So why are they doing this? Let me give you three reasons:

1. To get people comfortable in the gray to diminish sin.
2. To push well-meaning Christians (with deceptive wording) into the gray and therefore weaken the church.
3. To cast "clear-truth Christians" as mean, bigoted, and homophobic.

If we don't need a savior who just gets us, what do we need?
We need a savior who SAVES US.

He gets us = He accepts me as I am.

He saves us = He doesn't leave me there.

He gets us = Jesus is ok with my sin.

He saves us = He hated it so much that He died for it.

He gets us = love should unite us all. *He saves us* = the cross divides those who reject Him while it unifies His followers.

He gets us = we no longer draw lines, but circles.

He saves us = holds the line of Truth,
 and we want to be on the correct side of it.

He Gets Us = a false gospel. *He saves us* = the Gospel.

Jesus saves us: He shed His blood as the payment for our sin, He can break every chain, and He has conquered sin, death, and the grave.