Jesus The One and Only KZ 8 2 20

# Memory Verse: John 14:6  (NKJV)

**6**Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Target Thought: Jesus is our REAL

It is a multi-million dollar business — selling cheap, imitation designer hand bags, sun glasses, and wrist watches on the street corner for just a few dollars. At first glance, an imitation Rolex® wristwatch might seem like a good deal. After all, a genuine Rolex® would cost thousands of dollars and the guy on the street corner is selling them for only $20! What's the big deal? Who will know the difference? Well, after a few weeks, the imitation Rolex® no longer keeps time. Oh well, it still looks good, you can wear it as a bracelet. But soon then the finish begins to rub off and it isn't very pretty. Suddenly, what seemed like a good deal no longer seems like such a good deal after all!

Buying a cheap imitation wristwatch might not be a great loss. After all, it only cost $20. But when it comes to your relationship with God, it is important to put your faith in the genuine article. There is a lot more at stake than $20.

There are a lot of false teachers who claim to know the way to heaven, but Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) There is always another false teaching to try to lure people away from the truth. If we study our Bible and learn the truth it will be hard for us to be deceived and tricked away from God.

When John the Baptist was preaching and baptizing, many people began to wonder if he might be the promised Messiah. John set them straight right away! "I baptize you with water," he said. "But one is coming whose sandal straps I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." John knew that Father God had long promised a perfect Savior for us that not only would be the way to Heaven, but that redeem us from every part of the curse of sin and death.

Every evil thing that causes sickness, disease, heart ache, poverty, or any kind of pain and suffering is under the curse and we have been redeemed from it all because of the redemptive work of Jesus. Jesus has ended all of the bad under the curse and has done everything that needed to be done for us to have the abundant life.

As John was baptizing the crowds, Jesus himself came to John to be baptized. As Jesus was praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, descended on him like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." It was the voice of God, the Father, announcing for all to know, "This is Jesus, my One and Only Son."

Father God wanted everyone for all time to know that Jesus had come to be the sacrifice for us and reconcile us back to the perfect covenant relationship with Him. That is why we are not just saved from hell, but Jesus has restored to us the life of walking with Father God and having the abundant life.

Jesus being our Savior has brought more benefits to us than we can ever even image. Because Jesus is our Savior we have become Children of God, joint heirs with Jesus. That means all Jesus has with Father God we have. The Bible teaches us that we have more blessings and benefits, even more than we are able to think or ask.

People came to John to confess their sins and to repent. Jesus didn't have any sin to confess and had no need to repent. So, why did he come to John to be baptized? He came to John to be baptized to set an example for us. Why do we need to be baptized? To follow his example and to tell the world that we have put our faith and trust in Jesus, the One and Only.

Father, help us to follow the example of Jesus in everything we do. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

1. What is one sure thing that we can do to keep from being tricked by false teachers?

2. Does Jesus being our Savior ONLY save us from hell?

3. How many blessings and benefits do we have because we are Children of God?