

Bible Talk Outline



JESUS: HELP OR HARM? | Luke Dahlenburg

Bible reading: Luke 4:16-22 and Matthew 11:28-30

“The West is thoroughly saturated with Christian assumptions. Yet those assumptions have often been betrayed by Christians themselves.”

Tom Holland, Historian

“Go to the front lines, at home or abroad, in the battles against hunger, malaria, rape, obstetric fistula, human trafficking or genocide, and some of the bravest people you meet are evangelical Christians.”

Nicholas Kristof, Journalist

Part 1: Hearing from Jesus in Luke’s Gospel

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

Jesus, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 4, verses 18 to 19

“The fact that a believer is happier than a skeptic is no more to the point than the fact that a drunken man is happier than a sober one.”

Steven Pinker, Psychologist

Part 2: Hearing from Jesus in Matthews Gospel

“Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

John, as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 11, verses 3

“Not that I am (I think) in much danger of ceasing to believe in God. The real danger is of coming to believe such dreadful things about Him. The conclusion I dread is not ‘So there’s no God after all,’ but ‘So this is what God’s really like.’”

C.S. Lewis, Author / Literary scholar

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Jesus, as recorded In the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 11, verses 28 to 30

Further Reading / Listening

Rebecca McLaughlin, *Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World’s Largest Religion*, Crossway, 2019.

John Dickson, *Bullies and Saints*, Zondervan, 2023.