



# Oak Grove Church of Christ Newsletter - 2025.02.16

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**Speaker-AM:** Robbie Moreland

**Speaker-PM:** Steve Helterbrand

**Title:** Biblical Jesus

**Title:** OT, NT, Same God

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BIBLICAL JESUS	VS	MODERN JESUS
- Born as God Almighty in the flesh (John 1:1-14)		- Was a good teacher and man
- Loves us enough to speak the truth (John 4:1-38)		- Waters down words to avoid offense
- Points us toward eternal treasure (Matthew 6:19-21)		- Promises us earthly treasure
- Warns of sin, judgement & hell (Matthew 5:29)		- Sends all to heaven, dismisses hell
- Commands repentance of sins (Matthew 4:17)		- Minimizes need for repentance of sins
- Gives you salvation, hope, peace & joy (John 15:9-17 & John 14:1-14,27)		- Gives you health, wealth & happiness
- Hated & despised by the world (John 15:18)		- Loved & accepted by the world
- Hates sin & exposes the truth about sin (John 3:18-21)		- Overlooks sin & never corrects you
- Commands with divine authority (Mark 5:1-20)		- Gives suggestions not commandments
- Says to expect persecution in his name (Matthew 10:22)		- Promises our best life now
- Brings division when necessary (Luke 12:49-56)		- Promotes unity & tolerance at all costs
- Exalts God the Father's will (John 6:38)		- Serves your will above God's will
- Warns of false signs & wonders; magnifies God's Word (Matthew 24:24)		- Exalts signs, wonders & mysticism above God's Word
- Demands that emotion, experience & opinion conform to sound teaching (Matthew 23:1-39)		- Exalts emotion, experience & opinion above sound teaching
- Commands you to deny yourself & be willing to lay down your life for God (Matthew 16:24)		- Encourages you to love yourself first & gratify all your fleshly desires

**WHICH JESUS DO YOU FOLLOW?**

**ONE GOD**  
**ONE STORY**  
**TWO TESTAMENTS**

OT + NT

### **Not Sorrowing As Others, 2/16/25 by Sam Bunyard**

I worked in a funeral home as a summer job for seven years. Over that time, I witnessed a lot of different kinds of funerals. I cleaned up whiskey bottles and cigarette cartons after the funerals of those who embodied the philosophy, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die” (I Cor. 15:32). I listened to memories about those who made it their life’s goal to create social reform, while failing to realize that “keeping the commandments of God is what matters” (I Cor. 7:19).

Comments were made on the longevity of an elderly person’s life – without understanding that “all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the word of the Lord endures forever” (I Pe. 1:24-25). I observed the tragedy of parents laying an innocent child to rest who did not share the comfort of David’s hope in the resurrection (II Sam. 12:23).

Overwhelmingly, most of the funerals I witnessed were for those who died with a false hope. It seemed that many had been “deceived by empty words” (Ep. 5:6), “cheated through philosophy and empty deceit” (Col. 2:8), and led astray by “foolish men” to believe a “different gospel” (Jas. 2:20; Gal. 1:6).

Nothing is more tragic than a funeral of one who has no hope. How thankful, then, we must be when a Christian dies and we do not “sorrow as others” (I Th. 4:13)! Rather, we rejoice as those who understand that “to depart and be with Christ” is far better than to “live on in the flesh” (Php. 1:21-23).

When Christians die, it is a sad thing for those of us who remain. But it is cause for rejoicing when we remember that those who are His will be together with Him forever (I Th. 4:17)! Our sorrow is temporary. Our joy shall be eternal!