

THEME INTRODUCED BY VICKI WOOD

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

A. Jesus yesterday

1. Matthew 11:28-30

If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

Jesus knows what we need and knows what we can cope with

2. Luke 19:1-6

Jesus was going through Jericho, <sup>2</sup> where a man named Zacchaeus lived. He was in charge of collecting taxes and was very rich. Jesus was heading his way, and Zacchaeus wanted to see what he was like. But Zacchaeus was a short man and could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree.

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus got there, he looked up and said, 'Zacchaeus, hurry down! I want to stay with you today.'<sup>6</sup> Zacchaeus hurried down and gladly welcomed Jesus.

Jesus forgives and accepts us we are

3. John 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me. <sup>2</sup>There are many rooms in my Father's house. I wouldn't tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. <sup>3</sup>After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me. Then we will be together. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to where I am going.'

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said, 'Lord, we don't even know where you are going! How can we know the way?'

'I am the way, the truth, and the life!' Jesus answered. 'Without me, no one can go to the Father.'

Jesus is the way to God always, the truth about life and the giver of life

Luke 21:1-4

Jesus looked up and saw some rich people tossing their gifts into the offering box. <sup>2</sup>He also saw a poor widow putting in two pennies. <sup>3</sup>And he said, 'I tell you that this poor woman has put in more than all the others. <sup>4</sup>Everyone else gave what they didn't need. But she is very poor and gave everything she had.'

Jesus sees what we don't see and judges in a different way

## **B. JESUS TODAY**

**Five young women spoke about what Jesus means to them today**

## **C. JESUS (ALWAYS) FOREVER**

### **1. Matthew 28:20**

**I am with you always (to the very end of the age...)**

Jesus is with us always

### **2. Revelation 3:20**

**Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.**

Jesus invites us to walk with him, to live in him

### **3. John 14:3**

**I will come back and take you with me. Then we will be together.**

Jesus is preparing a place for us

### **4. Revelation 20:1-5**

**Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city..... The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.**

Jesus has a home for us – purity, life-giving water; no more night, present with us forever

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