Study Guide to Greg Gilbert's What is the Gospel? Chapter 4

Read: Chapter 4

In the course of this study you were asked to commit this simple gospel presentation structure to memory: God, man, Christ, and response. This chapter deals with the third part of that structure: Christ.

Q: Salvation comes to a person, not when they believe in a set of theological facts, but when they trust in Jesus Christ. The gospel is about the person and work of Jesus. A person does not need to know everything about Jesus in order to be saved but he must know some things about Him or else he will not know *who* to trust. What does a person need to know about the person of Jesus in order to be saved? Think practically. If someone knew nothing about Jesus and you had the opportunity to tell them about Him, what would you focus on in order to present the gospel to them?

Now let's consider in more detail the *work* of Jesus.

Read: Matthew 26:28; Mark 10:45; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24 and 3:18

Q: What is the significance of Christ's death? What did His death accomplish? Explain the connection between the cross and salvation.

Q: What is the significance of Christ's resurrection? What did His resurrection accomplish? Explain the connection between the empty tomb and salvation.

Project: At the beginning of this study you were asked to imagine a person that had never heard the gospel before. You wrote down what you would tell them. You put together a summary of what they would need to know in order to be saved. This was revised in the last two lessons. Look back at your latest revision, especially what you wrote about Jesus. What adjustments, clarification, or additions would you make to the section about Christ? Rewrite your gospel presentation again.