

INTRODUCTION

WHAT THE MESSAGE OF LIFE IS: Faith alone in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life

The Gospel of John is greater than the sum of its parts

It portrays itself as a sufficient basis for believing a message sufficient to give life

1. WHAT THE MESSAGE OF LIFE IS NOT: To receive (or accept) Jesus

Alleged scriptural support: John 1:12

What is wrong with this view of the verse?

2. WHAT THE MESSAGE OF LIFE IS NOT: To invite Jesus into one's heart

Alleged scriptural support: Revelation 3:20

I will come in to him: Proserchomai eis.... (not eiserchomai eis)

Are these people unbelievers?

WHAT THE MESSAGE OF LIFE IS NOT: Repent and be baptized
Alleged scriptural support: Acts 2:38

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WHAT THE MESSAGE OF LIFE IS NOT: Repent and believe the gospel
Alleged scriptural support: Mark 1:14ff.

Timeline issues: Mark 1:14 happened after _____

Is this the first time that Jesus met these men?

WHAT THE MESSAGE OF LIFE IS NOT: Believe and be baptized
Alleged scriptural support: Mark 16:16

WHAT THE MESSAGE OF LIFE IS NOT: Confess and Believe

Alleged scriptural support: Romans 10:9–10

What does salvation mean in Romans?

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