

Message Notes | To the Ends of the Earth

Part 3: Track Record

Acts 13:16-43

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#1 How can different people _____ the same Jesus _____?

→ the story of what God did for them - **vs. 16-26**

→ the story of what God did for you

#2 When you tell the story of God's work in your life, _____ is the story _____?

→ not about them - **John 5:39**

→ the track record adds up - **vs. 27-33**

#3 If you are looking to be your _____, you won't see Jesus as _____.

→ even better than David - **vs. 36-41**

#4 Ask God to do _____ you what isn't _____ you.

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1. Are you generally frustrated with people who see things differently than you, or are you generally pretty good at seeing things from their perspective?

2. **Read Luke 9:18-20.** Who did people think Jesus was? Why do you think they had conflicting views?

3. What are some of the conflicting views about Jesus in today's world?

What contributes to the differing views?

4. **Agree or disagree:** The main point of the stories of people like Abraham, Moses, David, and Elijah is to show us what God's power can do in our lives.

5. **Read Acts 13:32-37.** According to these verses, how was Jesus greater than David from the perspective of the Jewish people who were awaiting a Savior?

6. When you read through some of the things God did through Moses, David, Elijah, or others, it is inspiring to think about the things God might be able to do through you. What does it mean to ask God to do something through you that isn't about you?

What can start to happen when you only turn to God to do things that are about you?

7. Who's someone in your life that might have a different view of who Jesus is? How might God shine through you to them?

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Bible Reading for Today

Acts 13:16-43 (selected verses shown below)

Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: "Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! ¹⁷ The God of the people of Israel chose our ancestors; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt; with mighty power he led them out of that country.

"After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. ²² After removing Saul, he made David their king.

"From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised. ²⁴ Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ As John was completing his work, he said: 'Who do you suppose I am? I am not the one you are looking for. But there is one coming after me whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.'

²⁶ "Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸ Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

³⁸ "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹ Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.