

Holiness

Linked to all aspects of Jesus' attributes Central to the gospel message Word Association (outside the church)

Holy...
Cow roller grail
book smoke

Holier than thou sanctimonious

Word Association (inside the church)

Holy...

Bible communion spirit

Holy of holies Lord

Holy, holy, holy

Holy

exalted or worthy of complete devotion as one perfect in goodness and righteousness

Divine

Partial definition from Merriam Webster Dictionary 1.pure or perfect in a moral sense.

2.adjective for something set apart, or consecrated for sacred purposes

3.perfectly good

4.a sacred witness.

"a nature that delights in purity which repels evil."

Transcendent majesty...
Moral purity...

R.C. Sproule

When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

Exodus 3:4-5 (NIV)

Choose to:

Follow God's instructions or Do it your own way

Sacrifices

a burnt offering from the herd... offer a male without defect (Le 1:3)

a burnt offering from the flock, from either the sheep or the goats... offer a male without defect (Le 1:10)

Sacrifices and Offerings

Address sin
commitment to God
communion between God and people

Worship, thanksgiving, recognition of God's provision, surrender and devotion to God

Holy vs. common Clean vs. unclean Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Isaiah 6:2-3 (NIV)

"...He was with God in the beginning"

John 1:1-2

before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit Matthew 1:18 I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

John 1: 32

This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him! Matt 17:5

Jesus in Control

Luke 5 – a fishing story to remember Mark 4 – calms the storm Mark 1, 5 – casts out demons

Reactions to the Holy One

Fear, trembling – demons, Peter, disciples

Amazement, astonishment – people, disciples

Rejection - Pharisees, others

A New Covenant

Jesus came to fulfill the law (Matt 5:17)

Jesus challenged the Pharisees and asked, "Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me?" (John 8:46)

Jesus the Holy One

- 1 Pe2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.
- Gal 3: 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

Salvation

Perfectly holy God with compassion, mercy, love...

reaching out to sinful humans

Receive God's gift through faith, not through the law (i.e. our own efforts)

Be Ye Holy...

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (1 Pe 1:15-16)

Forgiven, not perfect Jesus is our example

Salt and Light

"You are the salt of the earth...

"You are the light of the world....

let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven...

Matthew 5:13-16 from the Sermon on the Mount

Stay Salty...

Read God's word...
Pray...
Thy will be done...
Rely on God's Holy Spirit...