



Who is Jesus Christ?

John 7:1-13 (NKJV)

¹After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. ²Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. ³His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing." ⁴For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." ⁵For even His brothers did not believe in Him. ⁶Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. ⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. ⁸You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come." ⁹When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee. ¹⁰But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. ¹¹Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" ¹²And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people." ¹³However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

Introduction

We are living in the days where anyone can easily hear about Jesus Christ. Buy sadly, many still do not know who He is. And if a person does not really know Jesus, then how can that person trust in Him as Lord and Savior? He could be believing in a Jesus of his own imagination. Even Christians who already believed in Jesus need to grow in the knowledge and in relationship with Jesus.

Philippians 3:7-10

⁷But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

The more deeply we know Jesus Christ for who He is, the more we will submit to Him as the Lord of our every thought, word, and deed, and the more readily we will trust Him in all the daily matters of our lives. It is because believing in Jesus for salvation depends on knowing Him for who He is.

Our text reveals to us some wrong views about Jesus that the Jewish people, including Jesus' own brothers, had about Him.

A. The wrong views about Jesus - Unbelieving view

The brothers of Jesus gave Him some unsolicited advice: vv. 3-4 - ³His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. ⁴For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."

After the turning of event in John 6:66 (From that time many of His disciples

went back and walked with Him no more.) Jesus, once popular, now was losing disciples. His brothers were saying, "You want your disciples to be back, go to Jerusalem, do some miracles" or "If you want Your Messianic claims to be made known, You need to go prove Yourself to the religious authorities in the capital city."

It may sound good, but clearly it is a worldly advice rooted in worldly wisdom, practical with human reasoning.

The brothers' advice to Jesus was similar to the temptation that Satan put before Jesus to jump off the pinnacle of the temple and let the angels carry Him safely to the ground so that everyone who saw it would be astonished and bow before Him as the Son of God (Matthew 4:5-7; Luke 4:5-8).

Like the brothers of Jesus, they have known Jesus since they were young. They grew up together and heard His teaching, and knew that He performed many miracles yet still be unbelieving.

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Rev. Dr. James C. Sy
Administrative Pastor

UCA, provider of top-notch education

What is PEAC? Private Education Assistance Committee

The Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) is a five-member committee constituted to serve as **trustee of the Fund for Assistance to Private Education (FAPE)**, a permanent and irrevocable trust fund under the Executive Order No. 156, s. 1968. PEAC is represented nationally by its National Secretariat and in each region by its Regional Secretariats.

What is FAPE?

The Fund for Assistance to Private Education (FAPE), under the Executive Order No. 156, s. 1968, was created for the purpose of providing a **permanent trust fund to finance various programs of assistance to private education** in the country.

THE PEAC has been contracted by the Department of Education to administer the GASTPE programs.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN PRIVATE EDUCATION (GASTPE) PROGRAMS IN UCA:

- ✓ **EDUCATION SERVICE CONTRACTING (ESC)**
- ✓ **SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM (SHSVP)**
- ✓ **TEACHER'S SALARY SUBSIDY (TSS)**
- ✓ **In-Service Training (INSET)**

Who is eligible to apply for ESC?

- Elementary graduate from a DepEd public school or DepEd-recognized private school
- Filipino & Incoming Grade 7 student
- Has not been a recipient of the ESC in previous school years



What is Education Service Contracting (ESC)?

Education Service Contracting (ESC) is a partnership program by the Department of Education (DepEd) aimed at decongesting overcrowded public junior high schools. **In ESC, the excess capacities of certified private junior high schools are "contracted" through slot allocations for students who would otherwise have gone to public schools.** The slots come with subsidies called ESC grants, and program beneficiaries are called ESC grantees or, for the purposes of these guidelines, simply grantees.

UCA THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

2010

UCA was given the **first ESC certification** from PEAC.

2015

UCA was re-certified by PEAC and was given a remark of **Above Standard** for its compliance, academic excellence, and quality education for the Junior High School Program.

2020

For the third time, UCA was re-certified and recognized by PEAC as **Above Standard** for its continuous compliance to high quality standards, being granted incentive slots for its overall school performance.

FINAL RATING: 3 = ABOVE STANDARD

3000+ ESC Grantees FROM UCA FOR TEN (10) YEARS

Out of their utmost gratitude and thanksgiving to UCA, students, parents, and alumni share how the school made a great impact, not just in the financial aspect, but most importantly, in having access to quality education at affordable cost.



Mary Cordero
Parent of an ESC Grantee

"As a parent of an ESC beneficiary at UCA, the ESC scholarship has been a great help in supporting my children's education. It has lessened our financial burdens and allowed us to focus more on the child's learning needs. Because of this assistance, my child is able to continue studying in a good learning environment with good quality education. We are truly grateful for this support as it gives students an opportunity to pursue their studies without worrying too much with the finances."



Razel Arcilla
Parent of an ESC Grantee

"The ESC scholarship has been a great help to us as parents. It has lessened our financial burden and made it possible for our child to continue studying at United Christian Academy. Because of this support, we are able to provide quality education for our child without worrying too much about the expenses. We are truly grateful for this blessing."



Gladale Agluba
Parent of an ESC Grantee

"I have four children kaya malaking gastos talaga ang school expenses. That's why I am very thankful for the ESC scholarship because two of them are beneficiaries. It is really a great help para maipagpatuloy nila ang kanilang pag-aaral here in UCA."



Dartagnan Valloso
Grade 8 | ESC Grantee

"As an ESC beneficiary at United Christian Academy since last year, it has helped me with my studies and it has also helped my parents. This scholarship has greatly deducted the total fee that my parents have to pay for my education. Thus, it has helped me in my learning by cutting off the financial problems that may arise as I study in UCA."



Lorna Vargas
Parent of an ESC Grantee

"As a parent of a former ESC grantee, it helped us by lessening our financial burdens while letting my child continue her study in a good school with quality education that UCA offers for learners."



Mary Nicole Clemente
UCA Alumna | ESC Grantee

"As a UCA graduate, the ESC scholarship had a significant impact on both my education and my future. Having this scholarship is a privilege and an honor. ESC became my way to experience quality education and an opportunity to accept Jesus in my life. This allowed me to take full advantage of the opportunities UCA offered—from having access to conducive facilities and resources to engaging in collaborative projects that enriched my learning experience. Beyond the financial support, receiving the ESC scholarship was also a source of motivation and confidence. It was reassuring to know that others believed in my potential, and that encouragement pushed me to strive for excellence in my coursework and personal projects. I'm deeply grateful to UCA for the ESC scholarship. It didn't just support my education; it helped lay the foundation for my future."



Princess Annalize Kahanap
Grade 12 | ESC Grantee

"As one of the ESC beneficiaries, it helped me and my family a lot when it comes to financials. As a student of a private school, it is expected that the tuition fee is expensive, but because of the ESC, hindi na ganoon kataas iyong tuition fee at nakakapag-aral kaming magkakapatid sa UCA."



Felicity Suzanne Garcia
Grade 11 | ESC Grantee

"Ang maging isang ESC grantee sa United Christian Academy is a big blessing for me and my family dahil nakatulong ito sa financial needs namin. At dahil din dito ay mas naging responsible at motivated ako."



Andrea Jamena
UCA Alumna | UCA Grantee

"As a UCA graduate, the ESC scholarship helped me a lot in my education. This opportunity allowed me to pursue my studies in ways that a student like me, who's financially shaky at the time, needed support to continue. Now that I am a graduate and already working, I thank God and UCA for bringing me this far. I believe that UCA will continue to shape the students' future academically and holistically."

Praise the Lord for His provision and favor upon United Christian Academy!

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28
(NKJV)

Buhay para sa Panginoon

Tulad ng istorya ni Hannah, Mary at Joseph nang kanilang ihandog ang kanilang mga anak sa Panginoon, tayo rin bilang mananampalataya ay alinsunod sa gawaing ito—ang paghahandog ng buhay ng bata sa kaniyang Tagapaglikha. Ito ang pinakamahalagang pamana ng mga magulang sa kanilang mga anak, ang magkaroon ng buhay na naka-angkla sa plano at pangako ng Panginoon.

Bilang tanda ng pagtitiwala sa Diyos, ang mag-asawang sina Bro. Noe at Sis. Aileen Amancio ay inihandog sa Panginoon ang kanilang pangalawang anak na si Nathalia Amancio nitong Sabado, Agosto 23, sa Mt. Tabor Church. Kasabay ng selebrasyon ng ika-una nitong kaarawan, masayang nagsama-sama ang kapatiran sa panambahan sa paggunita ng buhay ni Nathalia. Labis ang kagalakan sa puso ng pamilyang Amancio, sapagkat si Hesus ang nagsisilbing pundasyon ng kanilang pamilya.

Sa pamamagitan ng gawaing ito, ipinapakita na kahit sa murang edad, mahalagang ang buhay ng isang bata ay naka-ugat na sa kalooban ng Diyos. Gaya ng sabi sa **Mga Kawikaan 22:6**: **Ituro sa bata ang daang dapat niyang lakaran, at hanggang sa paglaki'y di niya ito malilimutan.**



UCA MT. TABOR ORIENTATION

PAG-USBONG NG PAARALAN SA MT. TABOR

Matapos ang ilang buwang konstruksiyon, opisyal nang binuksan ngayong Agosto ang bagong paaralan ng UCA sa Mt. Tabor, na naghahandog ng edukasyon sa pre-nursery at nursery.

Nitong Sabado, Agosto 23, isinagawa ang *orientation* para sa mga batang mag-aaral sa pangunguna ni Ms. Sheriewyn Lourdes Vallido, *pre-school teacher* ng Mt. Tabor. Bukas pa rin ang enrollment para sa mga nais at interesado.

Tunay na patuloy na lumalawak ang ministeryo ng Diyos upang abutin ang Kaniyang mga anak. Simula pa lamang ito ng Kaniyang gawain sa Mt. Tabor.

Tungo sa Kaniyang mabuting plano

Umulan man o umaraw, ang Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center ay patuloy na nagiging kapaki-pakinabang para sa kaluwalhatian ng Diyos, alinsunod sa layuning ibinigay ng Panginoon sa Kaniyang lingkod na si Rev. Dr. William Sy.

Ngayon ay panibagong pagkakataon na naman ang sumisibol dahil samu't saring makabuluhang gawain ang nagsisimula para sa ikalalago ng ministryong ipinagkatiwala ng Panginoon. Ang bawat manggagawa ay masigasig na nakikiisa sa mga gawaing isinasakatuparan sa lugar. Isa na rito ang pagtanim at konstruksiyon kung saan tulong-tulong ang lahat upang maging kaaya-aya ang kapaligiran. Patunay ito na ang mga anak ng Diyos ay may pusong handang maglingkod sa Kaniya.

Walang humpay na pasasalamat ang nararapat na ibigay sa Panginoon dahil sa Kaniyang planong gamitin ang Mt. Tabor upang marami pang mga tao ang Kaniyang masumpungan.

Agritourism

Inihahanda na ang mga wood pellet at peat moss upang gamitin sa pagtanim sa greenhouse.



Construction

Upang maiwasan ang pagtulo ng ulan sa loob ng panambahan ay isinaayos ang alulod ng bubong upang ito ay tumibay. Patuloy din ang pagtatayo ng mga poste at bubong para sa canopy extension ng Mt. Tabor Church.



²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for[a] you serve the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24
(NKJV)

Who is Jesus...

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We can grow up in a Christian home, or even go to church regularly and have read the Bible, but still we do not really believe in Him as Lord and Savior.

- Hostile view

v. 11 - Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?"

The Jewish leaders were seeking Him, but not so they could learn from Him, but so they could kill Him. Jesus' teaching opposed them and challenged their authority. Jesus did not follow their traditions (He performed healing during Sabbath); He upset the vendors at the temple (their income was damaged); and He rebuked them in front of many people (their pride was damaged). Because of this, even if miracles happened in front of them, they would not think rationally or would even listen to His teaching as to search the scripture. They reacted emotionally because their comfortable way of life was compromised.

Even many church-goers stop following Christ when their way of life is touched. Instead of thinking rationally, they reacted emotionally. Maybe they sensed that to come to Christ would mean the end of their plans, their prestige, and their control over their lives.

John 10:10b

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

- Mixed view

v. 12 - Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people."

Some viewed Jesus as a good man because they benefited (healing, miracles), while some viewed Him as a deceiver of people because Jesus claimed to be the Messiah, the Son of God. But none of them really believed in Jesus. Why?

It was because Jesus confronted their sins (v. 7). Also, they were hesitant because they feared their religious leaders. They did not want to be branded as Jesus' disciples yet still showed up when Jesus came to their cities to be healed or to see miracles.

To be a disciple of Jesus means to follow Jesus' teachings.

John 15:18-19

¹⁸"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.

¹⁹If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Your popularity will become hatred because they will see you as a better person than them (a new creation). You cannot blend into the world any longer because you will become the salt and the light of the world. So, if you want to cover up your sins and blend in with the world, you will not truly believe in Jesus.

James 4:4

Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever

therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

B. The only saving view of Jesus

- Jesus is the Messiah.

Jesus is the Lamb of God, slaughtered for our sake, and His death would bring salvation to those who believed.

- Jesus is Lord.

John 6:68-69

⁶⁸But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

James 1:1a

James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Jude 1:1a

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,

Romans 1:1a

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ,

Conclusion

First, if you grew up in the church and have been familiar with Christian teaching all your life, do not be fooled into thinking that you are saved by your familiarity with Jesus. If Jesus' own brothers were not saved by their connection, it shows that no one is saved by familiarity alone. You must personally believe in Him as your Savior from sin, the one who bore your penalty on the cross.

Second, if you have believed in

Christ, you must let Him confront your sin so that you forsake it and walk in the light. Through God's Word, Jesus tells us how to think, to speak, and to act in a godly way. If you are not letting the Word confront your sins, you are not walking with Jesus.

Finally, if you believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior, you must be at war with the world. You are either a friend of the world and an enemy of God or a friend of God and an enemy of the world. As John wrote (1 John 2:15), "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."



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