



The Goodness

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Who is this Savior?

Pastor Nick Kim

It's all about you. Look out for number one. Success, status and money are the way to happiness. Sin isn't a big deal. You can't trust God in all things. Some things you have to handle yourself. Fellowship with other believers is optional. You are alone. No one understands you. Your past defines you. Independence is strength. Vulnerability makes you weak. Busyness means you're productive. Social media keeps you connected. Distance means protection. You can't be friends with those who disagree with you. I could go on and on, but you're probably asking, "Pastor, why are you lying to us?"

These are lies. They're lies told over and over again. They are lies that much of our world believes. A lot of lies have been told about sin and the need for a Savior.

Joe Rogan has been one of the most popular podcasters over the past decade. Recently he had Konstantin Kisin, a very popular British podcaster, on the show. They started off their discussion with how many people in the world dismiss the Bible as fairy tales. Both of them admitted that they used to be atheists and what they saw is that the people who dismissed the Bible had very little peace themselves. Kisin admitted that he has started going to church every now and then. Rogan then shared that he was too. The conversation explains how people think the

Bible is nothing. People think it's foolish. Rogan goes on to say that he thinks there's more to it. He then asks, "Who was Jesus Christ?"

If you are a Christian, you understand there is sin in your life and that you need the Savior. Through one man's sin (Adam), sin came into the world and with it, death. Is that it? Do we just live, sin, and die?

We are told, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17)

This savior is Jesus Christ. He is God's son, and so much more. He died for our sins and rose from the grave, defeating sin and death. December is the month we celebrate His coming into the world. As we celebrate, we're also going to dig into who He is.



Konstantin Kisin, Joe Rogan, & Francis Foster



Who is This Savior?

- 12/7 Immanuel
- 12/14 Christ is Lord of All
- 12/21 The One and Only Son
- 12/28 Focusing on Jesus



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In His Service



Vanessa Barrett

Can one person's favorite question
be of service to the Lord?

If you have attended UBC over the years, you have probably been asked this particular question. Our world has become a divisive place of anger and hostility, so we all should be reminded of this question's answer. Familiarize yourself with Galatians 5:22-23, because Vanessa has a question for you... but we will ask her first.

Vanessa, what are the fruits of the Spirit?

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.

Which one is your favorite?

All of them.

How did you first learn the fruits of the Spirit?

I was in a class. Mark Zinke and Julie were there. I memorized them. Pastor Queen would ask me.

When did you first come to UBC?

A long time ago. I was living on Wilson and would come to church on Broadway. (Late 70's).

In all the four-plus decades you have been at UBC, who has been your favorite teacher?

I like Mike Dunton and Tim Larkin.

Not Mindy?

(Laughs) I like Mindy.

Thanksgiving UBC Style

Thanksgiving can be one of the loneliest days of the year for people. Let's be honest. Thanksgiving is about the smell of good food cooking while watching the parade and football game on TV, enjoying time with family, and giving thanks for all that God has done for us. But what about those without family or food?

Some organizations pass out turkeys. Others serve a meal during the week, leaving Thanksgiving day for their workers to spend with their families. Others have given out Jewel gift cards. It's not uncommon to come across someone trying to sell their free turkey because they have no means of cooking it.

UBC is not the usual organization or even the usual church. We served breakfast at Taste4Grace the day before Thanksgiving, and on Thanksgiving day, we served a full Thanksgiving meal. At UBC, our loved ones are not just the family that God gave us, but also each other-- and that includes our community.

Three years ago, Cynthia Pearson started what has become one of our signature ministries. No one should be hungry or alone on Thanksgiving. Our doors were open and our church family showed up to help cook and serve the meal. Mike Choby led worship and Elder Tony preached the Word of God. Not one to miss a good meal, Elder Doug even flew in. It was a blessed time of ministry and fellowship.



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