

"Give Me Jesus"

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IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR CRUCIFIED, RISEN AND ASCENDED LORD, WHO IS NOT DEAD BUT ALIVE, WHO IS NOT IN THE TOMB, BUT IS WITH US HERE, NOW WITH HIS LOVE AND HIS POWER AS HE LIVES AND REIGNS AT THE GLORIOUS RIGHT HAND OF GOD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. DEARLY BELOVED CHILDREN OF GOD...

**KIM Moore Background music "Just Give Me Jesus"**

This morning we peak our heads into the stable to gaze upon God's gift of love.

We see Joseph standing over Mary as she gazes into the manger.

The shepherds are leaning over their staffs to see the wonder of the child in swaddling clothes.

The animals are shuffling about the stable as the air seems to echo with the sounds of angel voices.

Who is this child whose birth was foretold by angelic messengers?

That's what we will meditate on this morning...

Who is this baby laying in the manger?

He is God's Son.

He is the sinner's Saviour. He is the captive's ransom.

He is the breath of life. He is the centerpiece of civilization.

He stands in the solitude of Himself.

He is august and he is unique. He is unparalleled and he is unprecedented.

He is undisputed and he is undefiled.

He is unsurpassed and he is unshakable.

He is the loftiest idea in philosophy.

He is the highest personality in psychology.

He is the supreme subject in literature.

He is the unavoidable problem in higher criticism.

He is the fundamental doctrine of theology.

He is the cornerstone, the capstone, and the stumbling stone of all religion.

He is the miracle of the ages. He's all we need.

**KIM SINGS - GIVE ME JESUS VS 1 AND CHORUS - 'In the morning...'**

He is enduringly strong, he is entirely sincere, he is eternally steadfast, and he is immortally gracious.

He is imperially powerful, he is impartially merciful.  
He is the greatest phenomenon that has ever crossed the horizons of the globe.  
No means of measure can define his limitless love.  
No far-seeing telescope can bring into visibility the coastline of his shore-less supply.  
No barrier can hinder him from pouring out his blessings.  
He forgives and he forgets.  
He creates and he cleanses. He restores and he rebuilds.  
He heals and he helps. He reconciles and he redeems.  
He comforts and he carries. He lifts and he loves.  
He is the God of the second chance, the fat chance, the slim chance, the no chance.  
He discharges debtors. He delivers the captives.  
He defends the feeble. He blesses the young.  
He serves the unfortunate. He regards the aged.  
He rewards the diligent. He beautifies the meek.  
He is the key to knowledge.  
He is the fountain of life. He is the well-spring of joy.  
He is the storehouse of wisdom. He is the foundation of faith.  
He is the doorway of deliverance. He is the pathway to peace.  
He is the roadway of righteousness. He is the gateway to glory. He is the highway to happiness. He's all we need.

**KIM SINGS VS 2 AND CHORUS OF GIVE ME JESUS. 'And when I am alone'**

He supplies strength to the weary. He increases power to the faint.  
He offers escape to the tempted.  
He sympathizes with the hurting.  
He saves the hopeless. He shields the helpless.  
He sustains the homeless.  
He gives purpose to the aimless.  
He gives reason to our meaninglessness.  
He gives fulfillment to our emptiness.  
He gives light in the darkness, comfort in the loneliness, food in the barrenness, future to the hopeless, life to the lifeless.  
He guards the young. He seeks the stray.  
He finds the lost. He guides the faithful.  
He rights the wronged. He avenges the abused.  
He defends the weak. He comforts the oppressed.

He welcomes the prodigal. He heals the sick.  
He cleanses the dirty. He restores the failure.  
He mends the broken. He blesses the poor.  
He fills the empty. He clothes the naked.  
He satisfies the hungry. He elevates the humble.  
He forgives the sinner and he raises the dead.

**KIM SINGS VS 3 AND CHORUS OF GIVE ME JESUS – 'And when I come to die...'**

His office is manifold and his promise is sure.  
His life is matchless and his goodness is limitless.  
His mercy is enough and his grace is sufficient.  
His reign is righteous, his yoke is easy, and his burden is light.  
He is indestructible.  
He is indescribable. He is incomprehensible.  
He is inescapable. He is invincible.  
He is irresistible. He is irrefutable.  
The Pharisees couldn't stand him, but found they couldn't stop him.  
Satan tried to tempt him but found he couldn't trip him.  
Pilate examined him on trial but found no fault in him.  
The Romans crucified him but couldn't take his life.  
Death couldn't handle him and the grave couldn't hold him.  
He had no predecessor and he will have no successor.  
He is the Lion and he is the Lamb.  
He is God and he is man.  
He is the 7 way king.  
He is the King of the Jews – that's a racial king.  
He is the King of Israel – that's a national king.  
He is the King of Righteousness – that's a moral king.  
He is the King of the Ages – that's an eternal king.  
He is the King of Heaven - that's a universal king.  
He is the King of Glory – that's a celestial king.  
He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.  
He is all we have ever needed – all we need now – and all we will ever need.  
And God has given him to us – the glorious good news of Christmas is that God has given us Jesus.