

Do You Know Why It Matters

●Intro

- Identity, do you know who you are in Christ. Talked about stories and characters. You are the character in a story.
- Why does it matter? A proper understanding of the premise of a story will help you understand both who you are and why it matters.
- What is the premise? Sherwood Schwartz.
- The premise of God's story - relationship with you, individual, through Jesus, for now and eternity.

●Point of View

✦God's Part

- The Author - Sovereignty
- The Character - Free Will

✦Our Part - a character, chosen yet free

●The Story So Far

- ✦Creation, 4000 BC | Jesus is the Word
- ✦Fall & Promise, right after | Jesus is the Promise
- ✦Flood, 2344 BC | Jesus is the arc
- ✦Dispersion - Babel, 2243 BC | Jesus is the unifier
- ✦Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Egypt, 1996 BC | Jesus is the Son of Promise
- ✦Deliverance, The Law, Promised Land, 1490 BC | Jesus is fulfillment of the Law and He that led them out of and in to.
- ✦The Kingdom, 1095 BC | Jesus is the Good King
- ✦Dispersion of Israel, 605 BC | Jesus is the Hope of Israel
- ✦Jesus the Messiah, Church Age, 32 AD
 - The Word, Promise, Salvation, Unifier, Son, Law, Deliverer, King, Hope, Redeemer, fulfilled.

•The Story to Come

- ✦ Temple in Jerusalem, Ezekiel 38-39
- ✦ Rapture / Resurrection | 1 Cor. 15, 1 Thess. 4, 1 John 3 | Get our Heaven suits like Jesus
- ✦ 70th Week of Daniel, God's Judgment, Rev. 6-19 | Jesus the righteous judge
- ✦ The Millennium | Jesus is King
- ✦ New Heavens and New Earth, eternity with God because of Jesus

•Do you know who you are? Do you know why it matters?

✦ This is a big story!

-Feels way bigger than me. Feels like I'm on the outside looking in. Every feel that, honestly?

-The premise: God creating you, coming after you (or making it so that you come after Him, same thing), and bridging the gap of sin between you and Him so that you can have relationship not and for eternity.

-Feel disconnected from those hundreds if not thousands of years ago? The only difference is history. They looked forward to what Jesus would do, we look back to what He has done, and we all look forward to what He is going to do.

✦ The central figure in God's story is Jesus. The central object in God's story is you.

-Created in God's image, tarnished by sin, need to be reborn in Jesus' image.

-1 Cor. 15:1-8, 50-56.

✦ Unbeliever, do you you know who you can be, who you are supposed to be?

✦ Believer, do you know who you are in Jesus?

✦ Why does it matter? Because you matter to God.