

“Why Him and Not Another?” (Song 5:9–16)  
GCC, Morning worship, 10/17/21

I. **A Probing Question: Why Christ and Not Another (v. 9)**

- A. *The question shows us that the world is bewildered by our adoration of Christ*
- B. *The question challenges us to consider afresh why, if at all, we truly believe he is “altogether desirable” (v. 16)*

II. **Five Reasons Why Christ is Altogether Desirable and Superior to all Others (vv. 10–16)**

- A. Because He is unique among Ten Thousand (vv. 10, 13b, 16a)
- B. Because He is a faithful and matchless HEAD (v. 11)
- C. Because his omniscient eyes are ever upon us (v. 12)
- D. Because His cheeks, arms, body, and legs were pierced and bruised for our transgressions (vv. 13–15a)
  - 1. This is the language of atonement and priesthood (See Exod 28:15–30)
- E. Because His appearance is that of one who has conquered death, hell, and the grave (vv. 10a, 15a)

III. **Questions for discussion and application**

- 1. What probing question do the daughters of Jerusalem pose?
- 2. What does the question show us?
- 3. How does the question challenge us?
- 4. How is Christ unique among ten thousand (vv. 10, 13b, 16a)
  - a. What was unique about his words (John 7:46)?
  - b. What unique phenomenon accompanied his words?
- 5. What does it mean that Christ is a faithful and matchless head (v. 11)?
- 6. What is ‘cheap grace’ and why should it not characterize the child of God?
- 7. How does it comfort you that Christ’s omniscient eyes are ever upon you (v. 12)?
- 8. Why are Christ’s cheeks precious to the believer (see Isa 50:6 and Song 5:13)?
- 9. How do the precious stones (e.g., jewels, sapphires, and gold [5:14]) which bedeck the body of our Lord (5:14–15) point to his role as the great high priest?
- 10. What does Christ’s radiant appearance (vv. 10a, 15a) suggest and how does this comfort you?