What Jesus Uses to Draw Men unto Himself?

John 12:32

Introduction:

- A. Men must be drawn to Jesus to be saved. (cf. Acts 4:12).
- B. There some things Jesus uses to draw men and some things he does not use.

Discussion:

I. Some Things Jesus Does Not Use.

- A. Direct operation of the Holy Spirit (John 6:44, 45; 14:26; 16:7-13; 17:20).
- B. An offer of political power (Matt. 20:20-28; John 18:36)
- C. An offer of material wealth (Lk. 9:57,58).
- D. An offer of worldly popularity (Jno. 15:19; Acts 28:22; 1 Cor. 4:13).
- E. An offer of a life of ease (Matt. 10:34-36; Phil. 1:29; 2 Cor. 11:22-27)
- F. An offer of social prestige (1 Cor. 1:26; Mk. 12:37)
- G. An offer of worldly entertainment.
 - 1. Singing without instruments, concerts, choirs, quartets, etc.
 - 2. Not dances, bingo games, etc.
 - 3. Not plays, skits and puppet shows.

II. Some Things Jesus Does Use

- A. Things revealed in His word about himself (John 6:44, 45; 17:20)
 - 1. His love (2 Cor. 5:14, 15; 1 John 4:19)
 - 2. His death/blood (Rom. 5:8; Matt. 26:28; Heb. 9:22)
 - 3. His resurrection (Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:1-4)
 - 4. His life (2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:21-23)
- B. Things revealed in His word about His offers (Eph. 1:3)
 - 1. Rest (Matt. 11:28-30)
 - 2. Peace (John 16:33; Phil 4:7).
 - 3. Remission/forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:28; Acts 2:38).
 - 4. Reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18-20; Eph. 2:16)
 - 5. Intercession (Rom. 8:34)
 - 6. Security (Rom. 8:28-39)
 - 7. Fellowship (1 John 1:3, 6, 7, 9).
 - 8. Escape from eternal punishment (1 Thess. 1:10; 2 Thess. 1:7-9)
 - 9. Entrance into eternal life (John 6:68; Matt. 25:46; 1 Pet. 1:3-5)

Conclusion:

- A. Are you being drawn to Jesus today by these facts and promises?
- B. Why not come to him today by obedience to the gospel?
- C. If you have left him, why not be drawn back to Him?