

Is Your Jesus Who You Think He Is?

Introduction

- 1. Jesus Christ is a well-known historical figure.**
 - A. He is also the most widely known religious figure in history.**
- 2. Those of us in the United States are especially familiar with Jesus.**
 - A. Some surveys suggest that 50% of the adult population consider Him their Lord.**
 - B. Surveys aside, it is evident that many people in this country think they know who Jesus is, and are basing their eternal hope on that belief!**

Who Do Most People Think Jesus Is?

1. It is a fact that most American people believe and preach that Jesus is the Christ and is a loving, healing, forgiving, gentle, caring, and patient Lord.

A. This is taught and preached from pulpit to pulpit among churches across our country — week after week.

1) As a result, most believe that this is who Jesus is.

2. However, listen to the words of Christ:

Matthew 24:5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many

3. People are being deceived because of this teaching.

A. The teachers and preachers are not deceiving people by saying Jesus IS that way, for He certainly is.

1) They are deceiving people by what they DO NOT say.

Who Is Jesus Really?

1. Let's examine some verses right from the Bible, some verses that Jesus said Himself.

A. If you are a person that believes only in the loving, healing, forgiving, gentle, caring, and patient Lord – then after examining these verses, perhaps you will be better able to determine if Jesus is who you think He is.

2. Did your Jesus say:

Matthew 10:37-39 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

3. Did your Jesus say:

Matthew 7:21-23 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!

4. Did your Jesus say:

Matthew 24:9-13 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

5. Did your Jesus say:

Revelation 3:15-16 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

We Must Accept ALL The Words of Jesus!**1. Jesus said all these things and many more.****A. He fully expects us to obey everything that He has taught.**

Hebrews 5:9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

2. Jesus also said:

John 8:31-32 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Conclusion

- 1. It is vitally important that we REALLY do know who Jesus is.**
 - A. We cannot be right in the sight of God when we go through life picking and choosing which words of Jesus we choose to obey.**
 - 1) And by placing Him in a position of who we want Him to be, rather than who He really is.**

John 12:48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Meaning no disrespect to the religious convictions of others, I still can't help wondering how we can explain away what to me is the greatest miracle of all and which is recorded in history. No one denies there was such a man, that he lived and that he was put to death by crucifixion. Where...is the miracle I spoke of? Well consider this and let your imagination translate the story into our own time -- possibly to your own home town. A young man whose father is a carpenter grows up working in his father's shop. One day he puts down his tools and walks out of his father's shop. He starts preaching on street corners and in the nearby countryside, walking from place to place, preaching all the while, even though he is not an ordained minister. He does this for three years. Then he is arrested, tried and convicted. There is no court of appeal, so he is executed at age 33 along with two common thieves. Those in charge of his execution roll dice to see who gets his clothing -- the only possessions he has. His family cannot afford a burial place for him so he is interred in a borrowed tomb. End of story? No, this uneducated, propertyless young man who...left no written word has, for 2000 years, had a greater effect on the world than all the rulers, kings, emperors; all the conquerors, generals and admirals, all the scholars, scientists and philosophers who have ever lived -- all of them put together. How do we explain that?...unless he really was who he said he was."

Ronald Reagan