
What Everyone Needs to Know About Jesus

Introduction

1. **If the church had the opportunity to preach just ONE sermon to every person in the world, what should it be?**
 - A. **It just has to be about Jesus – because there is no salvation in any other (Acts 4:12).**

2. **Jesus has been the most frequently discussed, written about, painted, and sung!**
 - A. **Yet, at this time, more than half of the world’s population doesn’t really know who He is.**

 - B. **Even those who “think” they know about Jesus, there are many misconceptions.**

3. **Therefore, what does everyone in the world need to know about Jesus Christ, the Son of God?**

Jesus Does Not Want to Condemn You

1. **It is sad that far too many people see Christianity as the “religion of no.”**
 - A. **They believe that it sucks the fun out of life with its rules and “thou shalt nots.”**

 - B. **It is unfortunate that many see Jesus as being judgmental and condemning and want nothing do with Him.**

2. However, this is not the Jesus Christ of Scripture. Jesus said:

John 12:47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; **for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.**

John 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, **but that the world through Him might be saved.**

3. The fact is – Jesus loves every person unconditionally.

A. No matter what one has done, good or bad, He loves them.

B. He invites each person to abundant living while wanting each person to be saved.

Matthew 11:28-30

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, **and that they may have it more abundantly.**

1 Timothy 2:4 who **desires all men to be saved** and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**

C. The truth is – Jesus' love never ends!

Jeremiah 31:3

John 13:1

4. No one will ever love us more than Jesus has, does, and always will!

Jesus is God's Answer to Man's Sin

1. Sin is the greatest problem that man has.

- A. As a drop of poison in a glass of water, even a little taints the whole life and results in death.**

James 2:10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, **he is guilty of all.**

- B. Sin in universal.**

Romans 6:23 For **the wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- 1) Before Christ came, sin was man's unsolvable problem.**

2. Isaiah stated that saving man would be costly. Because of sin, someone had to die – the just for the unjust.

Isaiah 53:5-6

3. In the Old Testament, an animal could die for a man's sin, but that was only a temporary solution.

Hebrews 10:4 For **it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.**

- A. When God saw man's desperate need, He provided a Savior. He sacrificed His very own Son for all of man!**

Acts 13:23 From this man's seed, according to the promise, **God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus—**

John 3:16

1 John 4:14

4. **Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life, qualifying Him to be the sacrifice that was needed for sin.**

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was **in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

- A. **A sinner could not die for sinners.**

Jesus Is the Son of God

1. **Each person must eventually come to one of three possible conclusions concerning Jesus.**
 - A. **Jesus was a liar:**
 - 1) **His claims to be the Son of God from heaven were deliberate fabrications and have misled millions of people over the past two thousand years.**
 - 2) **Jesus was a lunatic. He really believed what He said, but was no more the Son of God than He was the king of England.**
 - 3) **Jesus is Lord. He was who He said: the promised Messiah, the Son of God, and Savior of the world!**
2. **The evidence points to the third conclusion.**
 - A. **One cannot read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and come away saying Jesus was a bad man (liar) or mentally imbalanced (lunatic).**
 - B. **He went about doing good.**
Acts 10:38
 - C. **His words were logical and articulate. "Jesus is Lord!"**

Jesus is "One of Us" (the Son of Man)

John 1:14 And **the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- 1. God could have chosen to send Jesus into the world as a fully grown and sinless man.**
 - A. He could have quickly died on the cross and gone back to heaven.**
 - B. Instead, Jesus was miraculously conceived in Mary's womb as a baby.**

Matthew 1:23 "BEHOLD, **THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND BEAR A SON**, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which is translated, "God with us."

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, **that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God**."

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, **the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son**, and shall call His name Immanuel.

- 2. Jesus lived a common life for 30 years, an extraordinary life for three years, and an excruciating painful life for six hours.**
 - A. About 90% of His earthly existence was spent living as an average person.**
 - 1) He came from a common family, wore a common name, did common work, ate common food, spoke a common language, and had common responsibilities.**

Jesus Was Crucified for Being Too Holy

- 1. Religious people, not atheists, killed Jesus.**
 - A. He was not condemned for wicked deeds, but, in effect, for holiness.**
 - 1) His “crimes” included socializing with sinners.
(Mark 2:13-17)**
 - 2) Healing on the Sabbath Day.
(Matthew 12:9-14)**
 - 3) Driving money changers from the temple.
(John 2:13-16)**
 - 4) Accepting worship.
(Matthew 9:18; 20:20)**

B. In addition, Jesus made claims Jewish leaders considered blasphemy. He claimed:

- 1) **To forgive sins.**
(Matthew 9:1-2)
- 2) **To come from heaven.**
(John 6:38; 16:28)
- 3) **That God sent Him.**
(John 8:42)
- 4) **To be sinless.**
(John 8:46; 18:23)
- 5) **To have preexisted.**
(John 8:58)
- 6) **To be the only way to salvation.**
(John 3:16-18; 5:24; 6:40; 10:9; 11:25; 14:6)
- 7) **To be the bread of life and the living bread.**
(John 6:35, 48, 51)
- 8) **To be the light of the world.**
(John 8:12)
- 9) **To be the good shepherd.**
(John 10:11, 14)
- 10) **To be the way, the truth, and the life.**
(John 14:6)
- 11) **To be God.**
(John 5:18; 10:30-33; 14:8-9)

C. It was only blasphemy if it were not true!

Jesus Came Back to Life

- 1. Jesus lived again. That the tomb was filled is generally stipulated to by both sides.**
 - A. Jesus died and was buried. That is not the question. The question is “what happened to the body?” Three choices:**
 - 1) His enemies stole the body.**
 - 2) His disciples stole the body.**
 - 3) He was resurrected.**
 - B. The first is disproved by the fact that Christianity’s enemies never produced the body.**
 - 1) Preaching the resurrection began within a short distance from His tomb – in the presence of His enemies.**
 - 2) They did all they could do to stop the church’s growth, but they never said, “We took His body and you look like a bunch of fools for claiming a resurrection.”**
 - C. The second choice also makes no sense. Believers had no access to the body. Jesus’ tomb was protected by:**
 - 1) A stone. The entrance was blocked.**
 - 2) A guard: Pilate put guards at the tomb.**
 - 3) A seal: Anyone caught breaking it would be crucified. The disciples died for their faith.**

Jesus Built the Church and Wants Everyone to Be a Member

1. **The only lasting institution from Jesus' life is His church.**

Matthew 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

2. **The promise was fulfilled on the Pentecost following His resurrection (Acts 2:1-47).**
3. **The church of Christ grew rapidly in Jerusalem, Judea, and throughout the Roman Empire..**
4. **The very same church still exists today. Jesus adds every person He saves to it.**

Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

- A. **In fact, that is the only way to become a part of it. He invites you to accept the facts of the gospel.**

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

5. **When obedient to His commands, He will add you to His church.**

Jesus Reigns Over the Whole World

- 1. When Jesus ascended to heaven, He also ascended to His throne.**
Acts 1:9-11
Psalms 24:7-10

A. He presently rules as the world's King.

1 Timothy 6:15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, **the King of kings and Lord of lords,**

- 2. Yet there are pockets of resistance – places where His rule is not recognized.**

A. Those places are human hearts where He stands at the door and knocks.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, **I stand at the door and knock.** If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

- 3. Does He rule in your heart?**
- 4. Christ will not make us follow Him, but life is better with Him in it.**
A. Eternity without Him is unthinkable!

Jesus Will Judge Everyone

- 1. He gave a preview of that great scene when He will come in His glory:**

Matthew 25:31-33 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. **All the nations will be gathered before Him**, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

- 2. You will be there; I will be there; we should all be prepared!**

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**.

Jesus Wants Each Person to Follow Him

- 1. We are now right back where we started in this lesson. He truly wants to save you. He is the only way to heaven.**

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, **and you will find rest for your souls**. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

- A. A physician can save your life.**
 - B. A lawyer can save your business.**
 - C. A financial advisor can save your money.**
 - D. A coach can save your athletic career.**
 - E. A consultant can save your reputation.**
- 2. But only Jesus can save your soul! (Matthew 16:26)**

