

Jesus - Modern Versus Biblical

Introduction

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:34-39

1. It is so very unfortunate that many people, even religious organizations, have taken the Biblical Jesus and placed Him into a modern concept. They have changed who the true Jesus really is.
2. Most will not admit that they have done this, but in practice, they truly have.

Modern Versus Biblical Jesus

1. MODERN - Preaches only on love. This is what most people want to believe. They want to feel uplifted, that Jesus loves them and accepts them just the way they are.

BIBLICAL - Preaches God's righteousness at all times.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

2. **MODERN - Provides everyone with a health and wealth teaching philosophy.** Emphasis is placed on the physical well being of individuals.

BIBLICAL - Jesus is concerned with the spiritual makeup of man. He came to this earth and died so that we can have salvation, hope, peace, and mercy.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him** should not perish but have everlasting life.

Titus 2:11-13

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; **not as the world gives do I give to you.** Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses, but **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

3. **MODERN - Never says anything negative. Jesus is love and always positive. Sin is seldom if ever addressed. As a result people are satisfied with where they are at in life.**

BIBLICAL - Warns of sin, judgment, and hell. In order for man to be saved then they need to know what sin is and the consequences of it. They need to know that there will a judgment day and Jesus is that judge. Hell is real!

Luke 5:32 I have not come to call the righteous, **but sinners**, to repentance."

Matthew 12:36-37 But I say to you that for **every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it** in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Matthew 13:41-42 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom **all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness**, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, **'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire** prepared for the devil and his angels:

4. **MODERN - Loved and accepted by the world.** Most believe and teach that Jesus is loved and He is accepted by most everyone. They accept Him because they don't see Him as a hateful, condemning Lord.

BIBLICAL - Jesus is hated and despised by the world. The Bible teaches that the opposite is in fact true. Jesus was not nailed to the cross because everyone loved Him, but because they hated Him.

John 7:7 The world cannot hate you, but **it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.**

John 15:18-19 "If the world hates you, you know that **it hated Me before it hated you.** If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, **therefore the world hates you.**

5. **MODERN - Serves man's will, not God's will.** Many believe that Jesus came to serve man and exalts man. Jesus is seen as one who lifts man up.

BIBLICAL - Jesus exalts God the Father's will, not man's.

John 17:1-3 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

6. **MODERN - Hates to offend you or others.** Most believe that Jesus is all loving and kind and would not offend them or others.

BIBLICAL - Jesus actually offends the world with the truth of the gospel.

Matthew 13:57-58 So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Matthew 15:12-14 Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

Conclusion

1. Jesus said these words in Matthew 7:13-14:

Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

A. He also said:

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!'

2. Jesus is only going to be the true savior of those who respect Him, and obey Him in all things!

A. It is not going to do any one any good, who tries to change Jesus to fit their own views or agendas.

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

3. To be saved, one must believe in and serve the Biblical Jesus. Our eternal destiny depends on it!

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