

Some Things Jesus Did Not Do

Philippians 2:1-11

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- ▶ There are many misunderstandings about Jesus today
- ▶ Both believers and unbelievers
- ▶ Unbelievers say Jesus was just a good man or philosopher, if anything
- ▶ Believers attribute characteristics about Him that are foreign to Scripture – sometimes to advance their own beliefs

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- ▶ There are many misunderstandings about Jesus today
 - ▶ Both are wrong and need correcting.
- ▶ Understanding who Jesus is, is crucial to our salvation.
 - ▶ Acts 4:12 – “no other name”
 - ▶ cf. I John 2:22 – “Who is the liar”
 - ▶ cf. I John 4:2-3 – “not from God”

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Surrender His Deity

- ▶ Philippians 2:5-8 - Jesus left heaven and came in the likeness of man (flesh).
- ▶ Why?
 - ▶ He can sympathize with us – Hebrews 4:14-16
 - ▶ He further revealed God to us – John 14:9-11
 - ▶ For the sake of our salvation – Mark 10:45; Titus 2:14; I Timothy 2:5-6

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- ▶ Some claim that Jesus surrendered His deity to come to this earth and had no power as God while on earth.
- ▶ These say that we have to sin ... that we will always fall to temptation.

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- ▶ But, while on earth, Jesus did have powers as God
 - ▶ Mark 14:41 – “Son of Man” – a phrase that implied both divine and human aspects.
 - ▶ This was the preferred term of Jesus (over “Son of God”) and with it He declared His deity – Matthew 9:6; 13:41.
 - ▶ The rulers understood what Jesus meant when He used this term – Matthew 26:64-65

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- ▶ But, while on earth, Jesus did have powers as God
- ▶ Luke 2:47-49 – Jesus as a boy had wisdom and understanding.
- ▶ While Jesus did not use His deity to deal with temptation (Hebrews 4:14-16), He was/is still God.
- ▶ He was 100% man and 100% God in the same way we can have many roles

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- ▶ Coming to Earth, Jesus could have done whatever He wanted. He had that power as Immanuel (“God with us”) – Matthew 1:23 (Isaiah 7:14).
- ▶ He could have made bread from stones, cursed and silenced the corrupt leaders, and chosen to not go through with the crucifixion.

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- ▶ But we often see how Jesus submitted Himself to the Father
 - ▶ John 8:29 – “pleasing to him”
 - ▶ Matthew 26:39 – “not as I will”
 - ▶ Matthew 20:28 – “to serve, and to give his life”

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Please Himself

- ▶ Who are **WE** seeking to please?
- ▶ As a Son He learned obedience and so, we too, must obey God.
 - ▶ Hebrews 5:8-9 – “all who obey him”
 - ▶ Colossians 1:9-10 – “worthy of the Lord”
 - ▶ II Corinthians 5:9 – “please him”
- ▶ We too are to please others – Romans 15:1-3; I Corinthians 10:31-11:1

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Commit Sin

- ▶ Because He committed no sin, Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice, accepted by God once and for all.
 - ▶ I Peter 2:21-22 – “He committed no sin”
 - ▶ Hebrews 4:15 – “yet, without sin”
 - ▶ Hebrews 9:12-14 – “without blemish”

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- ▶ The message for us – we do NOT have to sin.
 - ▶ Some think we are so corrupt we have no choice but to sin.
 - ▶ While we WILL sin, Romans 3:23, we do not have to.
- ▶ We have control of what we do. There is no sin for which we are not responsible.
- ▶ Jesus is our example regarding this.

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Apologize For His Teaching

- ▶ While He taught with love, He emphasized absolute, uncompromised truth
 - ▶ Consider the sermon on the Mount – a strong sermon, direct, to the point.
 - ▶ The rich, young ruler – Matthew 19:21-22
 - ▶ Marriage/Divorce/Remarriage – Matthew 19:9
 - ▶ Rebuking the leaders – Matthew 23:1-36
 - ▶ Vain worship – Matthew 15:8-9, 12-14

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- ▶ Sometimes we need to hear harsh truths.
 - ▶ cf. Matthew 12:33-37 – “You brood of vipers”
- ▶ We are living in a time when speaking the truth is not tolerated. People are afraid to speak truth or engage in discussion lest they offend someone.
- ▶ You cannot save someone from danger if you are not firm, even harsh, at times

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- ▶ This is also true spiritually
- ▶ Souls are perishing and need to be warned.
 - ▶ Jude 22-23 – “snatching them out of the fire”
 - ▶ II Timothy 4:2-4 – “teachings of demons”
 - ▶ Galatians 4:16 – “by telling you the truth”
- ▶ NEVER apologize for the truth
- ▶ NOTE: But there is no excuse for hateful and unloving words
 - ▶ Colossians 4:6 – “always be gracious”

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Build more than one church

- ▶ Today the cry of many is, “attend the church of your choice.”
- ▶ Consider how religiously and doctrinally divided people are.
 - ▶ Contradictory and polar opposite doctrines are treated as inconsequential.
- ▶ That is not what Jesus intended, nor is it what Scripture teaches.

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- ▶ Matthew 16:18 – “my church”
- ▶ Ephesians 1:22-23 – “which is his body”
- ▶ Ephesians 4:4 – “There is one body”
- ▶ We describe ourselves as the church of Christ because it is a description of who we are.
 - ▶ Romans 16:16 – “All the churches of Christ greet you”
- ▶ To be part of the ONE church Jesus built, we must follow His pattern.

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Come down off the cross

- ▶ Crucifixion was cruel and agonizing; designed to intimidate and encourage submission in those watching.
- ▶ Jesus suffered this torture even though He did nothing wrong.
- ▶ He could have come down off the cross.
 - ▶ Matthew 27:35-40 – “If you are the Son of God” (cf. Matthew 4:3, 6)
 - ▶ John 10:17-18 – “I have authority”

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Come down off the cross

- ▶ Why did Jesus stay on the cross?
 - ▶ Because that is what WE needed.
 - ▶ Hebrews 2:9 – “taste death for everyone”
 - ▶ Romans 5:6-8 – “Christ died for the ungodly”

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Stay in the grave

- ▶ Jesus did not stay dead or buried.
 - ▶ Matthew 28:5-6 – “he has risen”
 - ▶ Luke 24:5-6a – “Why do you seek the living among the dead?”
 - ▶ I Corinthians 15:3-8 – “he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time”

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- ▶ This is why we have hope.
 - ▶ Acts 24:15 – “a resurrection of both the just and the unjust”
- ▶ Paul proceeds to make the case for OUR resurrection.
 - ▶ I Corinthians 15:12-14, 20-22 – “in Christ shall all be made alive”
 - ▶ Romans 6:3-11 – “united with him in a resurrection like his”

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“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Acts 16:30

- ▶ Hear the Word of God
 - ▶ Romans 10:8 – “But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim)”
- ▶ Believe that Jesus is the Savior
 - ▶ Romans 10:11 – “For the Scripture says, ‘Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.’”

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“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Acts 16:30

- ▶ Repent of your sins
 - ▶ Acts 3:19 – “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out”
- ▶ Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
 - ▶ I John 4:15 – “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

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Acts 16:30

- ▶ Be immersed in water for forgiveness
 - ▶ Acts 2:38 – “And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”
- ▶ Remain faithful
 - ▶ Hebrews 3:14 – “For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”

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