

What would Jesus Tweet? – Oct. 4, 2023

Social Media. 6,000 tweets per min. / 500 million tweets per day.

4.75 billion items shared on Facebook per day/26 billion Facebook messages

34 million TikTok videos posted per day.

Would Jesus use Social Media? What would He Tweet? Tik-Tok?

Jesus used punchy, short phrases before they were popular on Twitter. *“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”*

- When the Pharisees grumbled that Jesus was hanging out w/ sinners, He replied: *“It’s not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.”*
- When the Pharisees grumbled that he was picking heads of grain, He said: *“The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.”* **Yep. Tweet!**
- Prodigal Son** – there was music/dancing... **Luke 15:10** – “There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over 1 sinner who repents.” **Yep. Tik-Tok.**
- Jesus told Parables to connect w/people... (Good Samaritan) . . . healed people... taught from a boat... fed 5,000 ... ate w/tax collectors & sinners.
- **Connected w/ people to show the love of God. Yep.**
- Yep. He’d use it. . . to connect w/ people & glorify God.
 - He’d post a picture of sunrise, and glorify God on Instagram.
 - He’d praise an act of kindness... being like the Father.
 - He’d tweet about a healing... another life made better by God.

Any **tool Jesus could use to connect** w/ people He would use.

- **Why look at this?** B/c followers of Jesus should follow Jesus. Say/ do/post
- **And wouldn’t do.** Jesus was constantly judged... talked about... attacked.
 - He didn’t attack back

7 things Jesus would not do:

1 – Be online constantly . . .

- **He’d be present in the moment.** He showed people they mattered. . . When someone touched the hem of His robe, He stopped. Not in a hurry.
- ▶ **He didn’t neglect** the people **physically** w/Him to connect w/ online people
- **He also knew that connecting with God** was crucial. Jesus took time to be alone, He spent time in prayer and meditation.
- **Quiet** time in our lives - not screen time - is important. Put the phone down.
 - **Psm 46:10** – “Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world.”

2 – Respond to Everything.

- **Isaiah 53:7** - “He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.”
 - **Pilate questioned Him, he didn’t respond.**
 - **Pharisees wanted Him to explain His authority ...** “Who gave you the right to do all these things?” - **Mark 11**
 - **Jesus answered** w/question – John’s authority to baptize – human or heaven origin? They wouldn’t answer, He didn’t either.
- We don’t have to respond to every post, answer every question, give input.

3 – Listen / Read Everything.

- **Jesus healed Jarius’ daughter by blocking out the noise**
 - Took with Him only the inner 3 & the parents... blocked out the doubters, the haters, the nay-sayers.
 - You can block what is negative... offensive... “Get behind me Satan”
 - You don’t have to read every post, watch every video

4 – Wouldn’t use it for Politics.

- **Mark 12 - Jesus questioned about paying Imperial Tax to Caesar.**
 - He knew their hypocrisy... knew they wanted to trap Him.
 - Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and give to God what is God’s.
 - He didn’t get sucked into a debate. He didn’t play the game.
 - **Jesus didn’t get distracted from His God-given mission:** show the love of God . . . be a light on this Earth to show the way to Heaven.
 - We have same mission. Don’t be distracted... sucked/argument
 - **Php. 2:15** – “become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world”

5 – Wouldn’t use it to promote Himself.

- Can’t see Jesus posting a bunch of selfies.
- “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.” – **Isaiah 43:2.**
- **Colossians 3:12** – “Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with hearts of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”
 - Jesus would be more concerned w/ that clothing, than Nike & Prada

6 – Wouldn't use it to shame other people.

- No pics of awful clothes, body shaming, drunken behavior, . . . sin
- "Love your neighbor" – lift 'em up... encourage... grace/not shame.
- **1 Peter 3:8** – "Finally, all of you, be like-minded and sympathetic, love as brothers, be tenderhearted and humble."
 - o Jesus' posts would remind us – let the one w/o sin cast 1st stone

7 – Wouldn't post like everyone else

- **Jesus' posts would look different from what everyone else posts.**
 - o And it should. We should be different from the world.
- "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God." – **Rom. 12:2**
 - o Be **mindful** in what we post. Let God approve your posts... responses.
- "But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do." – **1 Peter 1:15.**
 - o Let the way Jesus would use social media to guide our use.
 - o Be holy . . . be different . . . be transformed . . . be love . . . be light . . . be like Jesus.

Song/week - "The Jesus Way" – by Phil Wickham