

10 Things I Wish the World Knew About Jesus

By Allen Webster

What does the world need to know about Jesus?

#1: JESUS DOES NOT WANT TO CONDEMN YOU; HE WANTS TO SAVE YOU.

#2: JESUS IS GOD'S ANSWER TO MAN'S SIN PROBLEM.

#3: JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD.

#4: JESUS IS "ONE OF US" (THE SON OF MAN).

#5: JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE FOR BEING TOO HOLY.

#6: JESUS CAME BACK TO LIFE.

Jesus lived again. That the tomb was filled is generally stipulated to by both sides. Jesus died and was buried. That is not the question. The question is what happened to the body. There are three choices:

1. His enemies stole the body.
2. His disciples stole the body.
3. He was resurrected.

The first is disproven by the fact that Christianity's enemies never produced the body. Preaching the resurrection began within a stone's throw of His tomb—in the presence of His enemies. They did all they could to stop the church's growth, but they never said, "We took His body. You look like a bunch of fools for claiming a resurrection."

The second choice is equally untenable. First, believers had no access to the body. Jesus' tomb was triple protected by

- ♦ A stone: Artists typically portray a disk-shaped stone over Jesus' tomb, but out of the nine hundred tombs discovered from this period, only four had stones like that. Most were more like corks. Either way, its entrance was blocked.
- ♦ A guard: Pilate put guards at the tomb.
- ♦ A seal: A seal was a sign that the contents belonged to Rome. Anyone caught breaking it would likely be crucified.

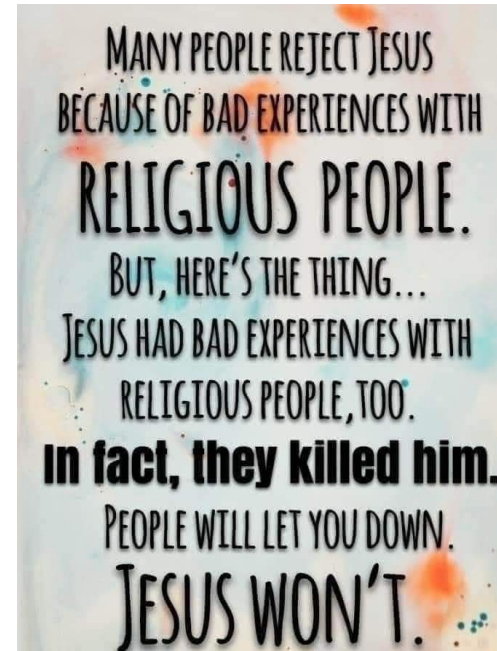
Second, the disciples died for their faith. Not one recanted and said, "We took the body. There was no resurrection. It was all a lie." People do not die for something they know is a lie.

#7: JESUS BUILT THE CHURCH AND WANTS YOU TO BE A MEMBER.

The only lasting institution from Jesus' life is His church. He promised, "On this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). The promise was fulfilled on the Pentecost following His resurrection (Acts 2:1–47). The church of Christ grew rapidly in Jerusalem, Judea, and throughout the Roman Empire.

Prayers and Concerns

- ♦ Karen Langston is still recovering from spinal surgery, and Tinker is also sick.
- ♦ Remember those with health issues—Dorlene Butler, Larry Butler, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins, Bob Robbins.
- ♦ All those battling cancer—Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Harold Reynolds, Jim Kirkland, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Nikki Smith, Jenny James, Bill McFarland, Debbie Eslinger.
- ♦ Those in GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Jack Moyers, Sycamore Springs. Wilbern Uchtman, Brook Haven, West Plains.



Signs You Are Not Spiritually Blind:

1. You are growing in your understanding and wonder of God
2. You are becoming more transparent instead of hypocritical
3. You are gracious, generous, and kind to others

The same church still exists today. Jesus adds every person He saves to it (Acts 2:47). 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), obey its commands (Acts 2:38), and then enjoy its promises (Mark 16:16). He will add you to His church where you can worship and work until He comes or you pass over to His side in death.

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Birthdays		Anniversaries	
2-4	Megan Goodman		
2-5	Jim Kirkland	Birthdays	
2-7	Joan Nash	2-28	Don Reynolds
2-27	Mary Lou Snelson		

Vicki will be serving chicken and dumplings and dessert for fellowship supper Wednesday night before Bible classes.

Date	Event	Details
Wednesday Night	<i>The Chosen</i>	Come watch the video about the life of Jesus
Saturday, Feb. 15	Sweetheart Dinner—eat at 6 p.m.	Men are cooking dinner for all the women

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

- Difficult to follow simple tasks like fasting and praying, confessing
- Difficult to see God's will
- Difficult to Discern between right and wrong
- Difficult to appreciate God's beauty
- Difficult to see and to know God

**A spiritually blind person can not help you see the light!
Watch who you walk with!**

February Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

2-2 John Abraham
1-12 Don Luna
1-19 Mark Lane
1-26 David Stevens

Communion & Closing Prayer

R. J. Moyers
Dana Crisp
Dylan Abraham
D. E. Pleasant

Song Leader: Titus Smith
Greeters: Don and Barbara Luna

The Family News

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A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: ***Spiritual Blindness***

Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages Downstairs

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up Front

#129, *Amazing Grace*; #577, *We Bow Down*

#315, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*; Communion Service

#276, *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Sermon and Invitation

#911, *Bring Christ Your Broken Life*

#738, *Take the Name of Jesus with You*; Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.

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Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us