

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.

Each person must eventually come to one of three possible conclusions concerning Jesus:

Jesus was a liar. 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.

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.

Jesus is Lord. He was who He said: the promised Messiah, Son of God, and Savior of the world.

The evidence points to the third conclusion. One cannot read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and come away saying Jesus was a bad man (liar) or mentally imbalanced (lunatic). He went about doing good (Acts 10:38); His words were logical and articulate. That leaves "Jesus is Lord."

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

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). God could have chosen to send Jesus into the world as a fully grown and sinless man. He could have quickly died on the cross and gone back to heaven. Instead, Jesus was miraculously conceived in Mary's womb as a baby (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35; cf. Isaiah 7:14). He lived a common life for thirty years, an extraordinary life for forty months, and an excruciating life for six hours.

So about ninety percent of His earthly existence was spent living as an average person. He came from a common family, wore a common name, did common work, ate common food, spoke a common language, and had common responsibilities.

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

Religious people, not atheists, killed Jesus. He was not condemned for wicked deeds, but, in effect, for holiness. His "crimes" included socializing with sinners (Mark 2:13–17), healing on the Sabbath (Matthew 12:9–14), driving exchangers from the temple (John 2:13–16), and accepting worship (Matthew 9:18; 20:20).

He made claims Jewish leaders considered blasphemy. He claimed

- ✠ To forgive sins (Matthew 9:1–2).
- ✠ To come from heaven (John 6:38; 16:28).
- ✠ That God sent Him (John 8:42).
- ✠ To be sinless (John 8:46; 18:23).
- ✠ To have preexisted (John 8:58).
- ✠ To be the only way to salvation (John 3:16–18; 5:24; 6:40; 10:9; 11:25; 14:6).

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ John and Melinda were both sick this week.
- ◆ Many are suffering from flu and other respiratory problems.
- ◆ Rene Blackburn is still having afib heart problems.
- ◆ 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.

WHEN people saw a barren woman in Sarah, God saw the mother of all nations.



WHEN people saw a poor young shepherd in David, God saw a mighty King of Israel.



WHEN people saw a poor prisoner in Joseph, God saw a powerful Minister of Egypt.



SO NEVER MIND WHAT PEOPLE SEE IN YOU. GOD HAS A PERFECT PLAN FOR YOU.

You are not too dirty for God to cleanse. You are not too broken for God to fix. You are not too far for God to reach. You are not too guilty for God to forgive. And you are not too worthless for God to love.

- ✠ To be the bread of life and the living bread (John 6:35, 48, 51); the light of the world (8:12); the good shepherd (10:11, 14); the way, the truth, and the life (14:6).
- ✠ To be God (John 5:18; 10:30–33; 14:8–9).

It was only blasphemy if it were not true.

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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		

Melida will be serving lasagna, salad, breadsticks, and dessert for fellowship supper Wednesday night before Bible classes.

Date	Event	Details
Today 11:30—1:30	The Center's fund-raiser lunch	Fried chicken lunch
Saturday, Feb. 15	Sweetheart Dinner—eat at 6 p.m.	Men are cooking dinner for all the women

The adult Bible class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 has just started a study in Revelation. Come join us to learn more about this book.

Wednesday night adult class is watching Season 1 of "The Chosen."

This is a video series based on the four gospels. It brings the Bible to life by watching. Last week we were introduced to Nicodemus, a chief priest who was a teacher of the Jews and a member of the Sanhedrin. We also saw Simon (Peter), Andrew, Matthew the tax collector, and a demon-possessed Mary Magdalene who Jesus healed at the end after calling her by name.

Remember the victims of the plane crashes in Washington, DC and Philadelphia this week.

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: **Contrasts**

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

#4, *To God Be the Glory*; #957, *This World Is Not My Home*

#356, *I Believe in Jesus*; Communion Service

#567, *Restore My Soul*

Sermon and Invitation

#915, *Trust and Obey*

#77, *Glorify Thy Name*; 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