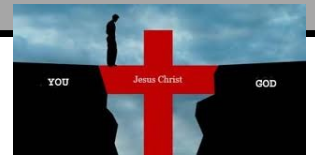


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The life and work of Jesus



Introduction

Jesus was both fully God and Man. John 1 v1-18 v3 at creation,

Many have tried to dodge this truth, e.g. Atheists, Jehovah Witnesses, Mormons, Liberal 'Christians'

V14 Greek *homoousios* (same nature as) or *homoiousios* (like) NT clearly claims Jesus is God Phil 2 v6-8 Col 2 v9

How can Jesus be God if he submitted to his Father? Philippians 2 v6-8 Bible teaches you can submit but be of equal value and worth. Ephesians 5 v22, 6 v5-6 Had to be human to complete his work Hebrews 2 v17



The birth of Jesus

Virgin birth vital to understand how Jesus could be both God and man. 'Jewishness' conferred only by mother.

Matthew 1 v21 Only sin free man could save people from their sin Highlights the supernatural & natural together

Silent Years

Kept 'low profile' while growing up - deduced by reaction in Nazareth Mark 6 v3

Time for preparation, wait for right time, had to be patient. Luke 2 v52 One verse for 17 years!

Baptism

At his baptism he started his work of service as our priest. Similarity between Priests consecration & the baptism

Priests washed with water -Leviticus 8 v6, Anointed with oil Exodus 29v7, Priests had to be 30 Numbers 4v 3

At end of consecration verbal blessing given Numbers 6 v22-26

Jews used to (still do) immerse in the Mikveh at different times, conversion, becoming ceremonially clean etc.

Identification with us baptised by water and Spirit



Temptation

As a man he had to face temptation, Hebrews 4 v15

Before he could minister he had to have victory over the devil

Ministry

He had a role of serving others Luke 4 v16-21

He communicated well with ordinary people e.g. use of story, questions, and visual images, related to culture of day

Transfiguration Matthew 17 v 1-8

With Jesus Moses (Law man) and Elijah (Prophet).

Confirmation of the deity of Christ would help the main leaders of the Church the assurance to carry on through difficulties that came 2 Peter 1 v16-8, John 1 v14 They saw a lot of the suffering i.e. crucifixion, persecution

Entry into Jerusalem

Why is it significant?

1. All gospels record it.
2. Fulfils prophecy Zechariah 9 v9
3. Peoples expectations of Jesus was wrong.
4. Jesus redefined Messiahship



As he entered Jerusalem, Jesus had choice a) Right - confront Romans b) Left - Confront Religious Leaders.

Last Supper

A Passover meal with his disciples linking the festival of Passover with what Jesus was about to do.

Arrest and Trial

Who was on trial? Jesus suffers unjustly, bad thing happening to a good person

Six trials 1. Annas 2. Caiaphas (Sanhedrin) 3. Jewish Elders (Full Sanhedrin) 4 Pilate 5. Herod Antipas 6. Pilate
John 18 v19-24 18 v 25-27 Mark 14 v 53-65 15 v 1-5 Luke 23 v6-12 v13-32

Crucifixion

What the crucifixion shows to us;

- A) Sin must be horrific and had to be dealt with for God father to allow his son to suffer the cross
- B) God's love must be incredible John 3 v16
- C) Salvation is free, because Jesus paid the price. Ransom paid 1 Timothy 2 v5-6
- D) Reconciles us to God Ephesians 2 v16, 4 v31-5 v2 - an 'offering and sacrifice'
- E) He became the curse for us Galatians 3 v13-14 2 Corinthians 5 v21 Propitiation for our sins 1John 4 v10
- F) The devil was defeated, Colossians 2 v13-15 - 'disarmed the powers'
- G) We are cleansed (Expiation) 1 John 1 v7
- H) We gained the righteousness of Christ in God's sight 2 Corinthians 5 v21
- I) Reveals the true heart of God, Justice and love, holiness and compassion, wrath and mercy

Resurrection

It's significance is made by;

- A) Demonstrates divinity of Christ Romans 1 v 4
- B) Demonstrates death is defeated Romans 6 v9
- C) Demonstrates sin defeated 1 Corinthians 15 v17



Ascension

Raised up to sit on the right hand of God Psalm 110 v1, He is Lord, and has position of authority.
He was raised in the manner that he would come return. We have a High Priest who Hebrews 1 v13, 2 v7,9

One day Jesus will have one final mission on Earth!

Acts 1 v11 To gather his Church



Which experiences that Jesus went through do we have to go through too?
Why do people outside the Church feel happier to talk about God the Father, than Jesus?
How many times in the gospels do we read of Jesus doing anything for himself?

