

WHY BE BOTHERED WITH JESUS CHRIST? MAYBE HE IS WHO HE SAID HE WAS?

Who is this Jesus who says?

Mathew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

He is more than just a good bloke, a great teacher, a wonderful man – I suggest to you that another picture is emerging.

The truth is according to the claims of Christ that He is not merely a man. He was born like us, was thirsty and hungry like us, He grieved like us, He bled like us and He could die like us for He was human through and through. BUT He was something more.

Let's look at His claims....

1. HE CLAIMED TO LIVE A SINLESS LIFE!

Jesus could look at an angry mob who was so because He claimed to share the very nature of God and ask...

John 8:46 Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me?

The question itself is amazing but so is the lack of response from His accusers.

He lived a perfect life! I want to suggest to you that no mere man could achieve that!

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2. HE CLAIMED TO BE THE ONLY WAY TO GOD!

Not a way....the way!!

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

Matthew 11:27 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him".

No ordinary man could make these claims - Jesus did!

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3. JESUS CLAIMED TO GIVE LIFE TO PEOPLE!

Not just some suggestions but the where, the how and the Why!!

John 10:28-30 "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Can you imagine anyone in His right mind making these claims if he were merely a man? Jesus did!

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4. JESUS CLAIMED TO BE ABLE TO FORGIVE SINS!

Only the person sinned against can forgive sin!

Mark 2:1-12 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralysed man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralytic, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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5. HE CLAIMED THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE WORSHIP FROM MEN!

Luke 5:8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

John 20:26-28 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

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6. HE CLAIMED TO ACTUALLY LAY HIS OWN LIFE DOWN!

Only God could claim to do this and actually carry it out!

John 10:15 Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many".

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7. HE CLAIMED THAT HIS WORD'S WOULD NEVER PASS AWAY!

Have they? What a statement!

Mark 13:31 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away".

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CONCLUSION....WRAP UP

Who is this that has made such claims? A sinless life, teaching that would last forever, the power to forgive sins, accepting worship and to give His life to liberate us!

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I suggest we need to be bothered with Jesus!