

JESUS IS UNIQUE

Revelation 21:5

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Of all the religions of the world, Christianity is unique because it comes from its founder, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is magnificently unique, the greatest man who ever lived. In Jesus is the One who has virtually changed every aspect of human life. Sadly most people are totally ignorant of how He has so completely impacted the world. No other person is qualified or even capable to meet the needs of fallen mankind or restore all that was lost by Adam when he fell. In the person of Jesus Christ is found a unique life that cannot be explained by natural process.

I. CHRISTIANITY IS UNIQUE

1. Christianity, alone, is based upon historical acts and facts and all other religions are centered in ethical and religious teachings of their founders.
 - The Moslem faith is based on the teachings of Mohammed.
 - The Buddhism is based on the teachings of Buddha.
 - The Confucianism faith is based on the teachings of Confucius.
 - The Marxism faith is based on the teachings of Marx.
 - The Evolution faith is based on the teachings of Darwin. (all theory)
2. Christianity is founded not on what Jesus taught but on WHO Jesus is and on WHAT Jesus accomplished.
 - No person ever spoke and taught like Jesus but the value of WHAT He said was dependent upon WHO He was and WHAT He did.
 - The truthfulness of Jesus and His teachings stand on the validity of historical records which are open and subject and invite investigation and examination.
 - All other beliefs are based on the teachings and ideas of those who were nothing more than mere men who could not guarantee or deliver what was promised.
3. Christianity has contributed countless contributions through out the centuries:
 - Hospitals (began in the Middle Ages)
 - Universities (also began during the Middle Ages), most started by Christians.
 - Literacy and education for all people
 - Capitalism and free enterprise.
 - Representative government, like that found in the United States.
 - Separation of political powers.
 - Civil liberties.
 - Abolition of slavery.
 - Elevation of women.
 - Benevolence and charity.
 - Regard for human life.
 - The eternal salvation of countless souls.
 - Countless more contributions brought about by the preaching of the message of the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ.

II. JESUS CHRIST IS UNIQUE

1. Hundreds of years before His coming, prophecies were made regarding His lineage, nature, place of birth, home, career, purpose, His death, His resurrection and many other fulfilled prophecies.

2. His birth was unique.
 - The most unique birth in all human history and it stands alone in history.
 - No other birth has been like Jesus' birth.
3. His person is unique.
 - Jesus is both human and divine. Totally man and totally God all in One.
 - Jesus is God's gift to the world and the most unique Person ever to live.
4. His life is unique.
 - No one ever spoke like Jesus or did the things He did or made the claims He made.
 - Nothing about Jesus can be dismissed.
5. His death was unique.
 - Long before Jesus ever appeared there were prophecies about His death by crucifixion.
 - **Psalm 22**
 - Jesus died displaying His sinless and Holy character.
 - At His death there were miracles - darkness, earthquake, graves opening.
 - Even the Roman centurion who had helped nail Jesus to the cross and had seen many die on a cross said, "**...Truly this was the Son of God...**"
6. His resurrection was unique.
 - No one has ever come back from the dead to carry on their work, but Jesus did.
 - There was prophecy, predictions and unquestionable facts of His resurrection.
 - The empty tomb, His appearances after His resurrection, the transformed lives of His disciples, and the beginning and continuation of Christianity.
 - People reject Jesus Christ, His birth, miracles, and resurrection because they have never really looked at God's Word with an open mind and do not want to submit to His authority and claims and because they are prejudiced against miracles and anything supernatural.
7. What makes Jesus unique?
 - His virgin birth, His being both divine and human.
 - In His life and ministry, Jesus demonstrated who He was, God-man, coming to die for the sins of mankind.
 - His death on the cross was a substitute for sinful man and He took man's judgment.
 - His resurrection proved Him to be the unique God-man.
8. **Luke 2:1-14**

CONCLUSION:

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

"...He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where He was born. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While He was dying, His executioners gambled for His garments, the only property He had on earth. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. 19 centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary life.

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