

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT JESUS?

John 10:30

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: If you lived back in the days of Jesus do you think you would have been a follower of His? Jesus was a young man, a carpenter by trade, from a small place, from a low income family, only elementary education, no financial or political connections who lasted but three years in His "ministry" of teaching and healing and was becoming very popular when He was put to death for some of the claims He made. Do you think that you would have been one of His followers? What about today? What do you think about this same Jesus?

I. JESUS MADE SOME AMAZING, ASTOUNDING CLAIMS

1. Jesus said: *"...I am the way, the truth and the life..." (John 14:6)*
 - *"...I am the bread of life..." (John 6:35)*
 - *"...I am the light of the world..." (John 8:12)*
 - *"...I am the door..."(John 10:9)*
 - *"...I am the resurrection..." (John 11:25)*
2. Jesus made promises:
 - *"...My words shall not pass away..." (Mark 13:31)*
 - *"..whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst..." (John 4:13-14)*
 - *"...whatsoever ye shall ask in my name..." (John 14:13)*
 - *"...MY sheep hear my voice..." (John 10:27-28)*
 - *"...All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth..." (Matthew 28:20)*
3. Jesus placed Himself above the greatest of all people, institutions, authority.
 - *"...a greater than Solomon is here..." (Luke 11:31)*
 - *"...and if I be lifted up..." (John 12:32)*
4. Jesus claimed to be equal with God and that God was His Father.
 - *"...I and My Father are one..." (John 10:30)*
 - *"...My Father is working still..." (John 5:17-18)*
5. Jesus claimed to be mediator between men and God.
 - *"...all things are delivered unto me of My Father..." (Matthew 11:27)*
 - *"...Come unto me, all ye that labor..." (Matthew 11:28)*
6. Jesus claimed to be judge.
 - *"...I never knew you..depart from me..." (Matthew 21-23)*
7. Jesus claimed to be the Son of God.
 - *"...Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand..." (Matthew 26:64)*

II. JESUS'S CLAIMS WERE PROVED BY HIS LIFE

1. Jesus made amazing claims and supported those claims by His amazing life.
 - For almost 2,000 years the claims that Jesus made have been preached and published all over the world.
 - Thoughtful, earnest people have responded to His claims and have found Jesus to be all that He claimed.
2. Jesus' life has been one of consistent humility, truer and modest even in the tremendous claims He made.
 - *"...Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden..." (Matthew 11:28)*

- **"...I am meek and lowly..." (Matthew 11:29)**

3. Jesus maintained His claim to deity.

- Who else in human history could make such a claim and then maintain it?

- **"...Follow me - be worthy of me - I am the light of the world - Ye are from beneath, I am from above..."**

- Jesus is far more than any other human who has/will ever existed.

III. JESUS' CLAIMS ARE SUPPORTED BY HIS THOUGHTS

1. Jesus claimed to be the Son of God and He acted like God in all ways, physically, spiritually and mentally.

- Jesus never had to repent for He never committed a sin.

- Jesus never made a single mistake.

- Jesus was humble from beginning to end of His earthly life.

2. Jesus was always aware of God's presence.

- When Jesus healed, He simply, easily spoke and the power of God was there.

- Jesus said that nobody had the power to take His life.

- Jesus forgave sins and only God could/can do that.

- Jesus cried over Jerusalem for He had the power to save them but they would not receive Him.

3. Jesus was fully man and fully God and was constantly aware of both.

- Jesus' purpose was to restore mankind to the reign of God and to fellowship with the Father.

- Jesus' plan for mankind embraces all ages, reaching to all the world.

4. Jesus is certain of His word and His work.

- **"...Verily I say unto you, wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also, as this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her..." (Matthew 26:13)**

5. Jesus obtained His Kingdom by dying for it.

- **"...the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep..." (John 10:11)**

- **"...No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself..." (John 10:18)**

- **"...If I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me..." (John 12:32)**

CONCLUSION:

1. Jesus talked like God.

2. Jesus thought like God.

3. Jesus planned like God.

4. Jesus died for His "sheep" mankind.

5. Jesus rose from the dead.

6. Jesus gives new life to whosoever believes in Him.

7. So, what do you think of Jesus?