

JESUS IS IN THE CENTER

Luke 24:36

Introduction: Ever notice that a bicycle wheel hub is in the exact middle of the wheel? Every wheel spoke is the same distance from the rim to the hub. Think of Jesus as being the exact center of all things. Who did Jesus come to deliver? All mankind, not just one particular group, Jesus came to save the "whosoever" of the human race.

I. CONSIDER JESUS AS BEING IN THE CENTER OF GEOGRAPHY

1. The Holy Crusades were started to liberate Christ's grave and then all would be well.
2. There has always been a great emphasis to go where Jesus was.
3. There is not any better person nor any person closer to Jesus than another.
4. Jesus is in the middle and He is just as close or as far as anywhere on earth.

II. THINK ABOUT JESUS BEING THE CENTER OF TIME

1. Christians say that they would like to have lived in Jesus' time.
2. Things were no different then than they are now with people.
3. People didn't know as much about God's plan then as they do now.
4. People are just as close to Jesus now as they were then.

III. JESUS IS RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF THE HUMAN RACE

1. To the disappointment of the Jews, Jesus is the Son of MAN, not just a particular race.
2. Go to any race of people, tell them about Jesus and He will save any who believe on Him.
3. Every human being is just as close to Jesus or just as far away as any other.

IV. JESUS IS IN THE CENTER OF ALL CULTURAL LEVELS

1. Preach Jesus to primitive, neglected, illiterate people and any of them who believe will be saved.
2. Preach Jesus to college degreed people, wealthy, etc., and any of them who believe will be saved.
3. Jesus is just as close to any as to others.

V. JESUS IS AT THE CENTER OF A PERSON'S YEARS

1. Jesus is just as close to a five year old as He is to a hundred year old person.
2. Jesus is close to everybody from their birth to their death.

VI. JESUS IS IN THE CENTER OF ALL LIFE'S EXPERIENCES

1. A newborn baby has no experience in life and a 90 year old has much experience.
2. Which is nearer to Jesus?
 - Samuel at the age of 12 or Eli at the age of 98?
3. Jesus is as near to a young inexperienced child as He is to an old experienced person.

CONCLUSION:

1. Jesus is as near to one of us as He is to the other.
 - It is as easy to reach Jesus from the college dorm as from the pastor's study.
 - It is as easy to reach Jesus from the kindergarten room as it is from the laboratory of a scientist.
2. No human being or any institution alone has private access to Jesus.
 - No church, no cult, no human race, no country, no racial color.
3. No person nor institution has an advantage over another in regard to Jesus.
4. **Why doesn't everybody come to Jesus?**
 - Remember the one thief on the cross next to Jesus who refused to believe in Him?
 - Stubbornness, unbelief, preoccupation, no need at the moment.
5. **If you see that you do need Jesus...**
 - You can come to Him, He's waiting on you.
 - You don't have to go anywhere, He's where you are.
 - You meet Jesus just as you are, whoever you are.
6. Jesus is center of all things. Is He the center of your life?