

THE MAN WHO IS GOD

John 1:1-5; 10-14

Introduction: What does Jesus look like? Is He 6 feet tall, has a beard and shoulder length hair which is black? Does He wear sandals and a one piece "pull over" gown type of clothing? Does He have a tenor voice or a bass voice? Artists through the centuries have painted pictures of their concept of how Jesus looked.

The Bible shows us the "real" Jesus, not in physical appearance, but the "real" person, the one upon whom our redemption depends. So what is Jesus, our redeemer really like?

I. JESUS IS UNIQUE IN MANY WAYS

1. Authors have written more about trying to describe Jesus than any other person who has lived.
2. Jesus possessed a "mental agility" that has astonished scholars for over 2,000 years.
 - Jesus was asked more than once, "by whose authority do you do this or say that..."
 - *Matthew 21:23-27* - Jesus astonished and confounded all.
3. Jesus was very "frank." *Matthew 23:25*
 - He called some "hypocrites."
 - He stated that true belief is inward and not some strict observance of rituals and rules.
4. Jesus was open to all. *Luke 7:36*
 - He dined with the social elite but defended the social outcasts.
 - He had a former prostitute wash His feet in a public place with social elite watching.
 - He was accused of being a drunkard for He associated with those who drank wine.
5. Jesus had a forgiving spirit. *Luke 23:24*
 - Even from the cross He forgave those who had put Him there.
 - Jesus practiced what He taught about forgiving those who trespassed against you.
6. Jesus had a moral authority. *John 7:45*
 - He was in no way weak, puny, lifeless, drab, cowardly.
 - He amazed even those who came to arrest Him and they fell back in fear/respect.
 - Jesus lived what He taught.
 - There are/have been many who are able and wonderful teachers, but they do not live up to what they teach - Jesus did.

II. JESUS IS MORE THAN A MAN

1. If this was all that He did, then Jesus was no different than anybody else.
2. Jesus displayed the nature of God.
 - There were prophecies of His coming birth for centuries.
 - He had no earthly father, and He had a virgin for a mother.
 - *Philippians 2:5-7* - reveals that Jesus is equal with God.

- God is holy, pure, morally perfect and sinless. Jesus is the same, therefore He is holy.
- God is just, guarding His holiness, purity and makes no mistakes.
 - Jesus, the "just" took our place.
- God is mercy. Jesus forgave the woman caught in adultery and time after time he exhibited love and mercy. **Luke 4:18**
- God is love. Remember the little song, "Jesus loves me..."?
 - Adults cannot grasp the kind of love God has for man as little children seem to, perhaps that's why Jesus mentioned that we must become like little children in regards to our relationship with God.
 - Jesus hates man's sins, but longs to save every single person. **John 3:16**

III. GOD AND JESUS - THE SAME

1. God is omnipotent - Jesus is omnipotent. Jesus has all power, He healed, gave life, etc.
2. God is omniscient - Jesus is omniscient. Ever met anybody who actually knew everything?
 - Jesus does. **Matthew 9:4**
3. God is omnipresent - Jesus is omnipresent. We cannot be in but one place at a time. However Jesus said that **"...wherever there are two or more gathered in my name, I am there..."**
4. Jesus is God. **John 10:30; 12:45**
 - **"...I and my Father are one..."** **"...he that hath seen me hath seen Him that sent me..."**

CONCLUSION:

1. Knowing now who Jesus really is, you are faced with a vital decision - what will you do with Jesus?
2. Who do YOU think Jesus is? A good man? A man insane? A super human being? Or God?
3. The only correct conclusion is that Jesus is God and is therefore worthy of our trust and worship.
 - Trust in Him makes one a believer and brings eternal life.
4. Jesus is God! Our eternal destiny depends on our belief in that.
5. A little girl had never seen her father for he had been away for a long time at war. When he came home she refused to go to him for all she had seen of him was a picture. Finally she began to believe that the picture and the man were the same.
 - Thus it is with Jesus. We've not seen Him in person, but we have seen Him in the Bible and He is just as real as the Bible reveals Him to be.
 - Believing what the Bible says about Jesus... **"...blessed are those who have not seen , yet believe..."**