

Jesus - Cont.

them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Friend, did you know that Jesus was controversial and confrontational? Read Matthew 22:34 and 46 - *But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, gathered themselves together ... And no one was able to answer him a word, neither dared any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.*

Which Jesus Will You Face in Judgment?

What view of Jesus do you have? It's very possible that the view of Jesus you have is imperfect and incorrect. You may have been listening to people who preach the wrong Jesus. Those with a wrong view of Jesus preach "another Jesus" (2 Corinthians 11:4). Maybe that's the Jesus you have been told about. Now it's time for the truth.

What side will you be on in the judgment day (Matthew 25:31-46)? Will you hear "Come, you, blessed of my father..."? Or, will you hear "Depart from me, you cursed, into eternal fire..."? Jesus has two sides. Which Jesus will you face in the judgment day?

- Chris Reeves -

Sentence Sermons

- Some people carry counterfeit money, while others carry counterfeit friends.
- Respect is not something you demand, but something you earn.
- We need to be more concerned about our duties than our difficulties.
- It is better to have an empty wallet than an empty heart.
- Let love by without hypocrisy.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

The Jesus You Never Knew

⁵⁴ And coming into his own country he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joseph, and Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶ And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? ⁵⁷ And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house. ⁵⁸ And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

- Matthew 13:54-58

The section of scripture referenced above from the pen of Matthew points out something amazing. There were people in Jesus' day who grew up around him but they didn't really know who he was. They knew he belonged to Joseph and Mary and they knew that he was a carpenter's son. But, they didn't really know that he was the divine Son of God.

Did these people not know the truth about Jesus because of some fault of Jesus? Did he not tell them or show them who he was? No. He taught them and he worked miracles. But, they had another view of Jesus. Their view of

Jesus matched what they wanted to know about him, not what was according to truth.

What Is Your View of Jesus?

The same situation exists today some 2,000 years later. Many people have a view of Jesus that is according to their liking, but not according to the truth of scripture. Many people have a distorted view of Jesus just like in Jesus' own day (Matthew 13:54-58). Many people see only one side of Jesus like his loving side or his forgiving and compassionate side and nothing else.

Many people today only know one side of Jesus. It may be something about Jesus that they heard from their preacher. It may be what they heard from their friends or saw in a movie. It may be something they read in a book other than the Bible. It may be only what they let themselves to believe. Whatever it is they know about Jesus it is often an incomplete picture of Jesus because they will not take the time to read their Bible and get the truth.

There is a side of Jesus that many have never seen. Let us consider that side.

The Jesus You Never Knew

Friend, did you know that Jesus was

angry? Read Mark 3:5 - And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved at the hardening of their heart, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth; and his hand was restored.

Friend, did you know that Jesus was intolerant? Read Matthew 15:12-14 - Then came the disciples, and said unto him, Do you know that the Pharisees were offended, when they heard this saying? ¹³ But he answered and said, Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up. ¹⁴ Let them alone: they are blind guides. And if the blind guide the blind, both shall fall into a pit.

Friend, did you know that Jesus was condemning? Read Matthew 23:25-28 - Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. ²⁸ Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inwardly ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Friend, did you know that Jesus was authoritative? Read Matthew 7:28-29 - And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these words, the multitudes were astonished at his teaching: ²⁹ for he taught