

Uniqueness of Jesus

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I. Introduction.

A. It is not uncommon for even nonbelievers to say that Jesus of Nazareth is the greatest leader, teacher and the holiest man ever.

B. There has never been a man like Jesus. He is the unique personality that changed all history. History is “His story.”

C. The plight of women has been especially aided by Christ above other religions. This is just one cause among many.

D. The Christian life is validated by many scholars.

1. A former non-believer Dr. Jode was an enemy of the faith, but based upon the reality of sin he was converted.

2. C.S. Lewis said that Jesus is either Lord, a liar or a lunatic—he is not a mere teacher.

3. The Christian faith is founded on positive and historical facts. Many scholars believe in Christ and many do not. But most who do not are ignorant of the basic truths of the gospel. Many who have rejected Christ are not well informed concerning Him.

II. Important passages concerning Jesus.

A. Colossians 1: Christ as the fullness of God.

B. Hebrews 1: Christ as source of all wisdom and knowledge.

C. Ephesians 1: Christ as the consummation of all human history.

III. Four unique things about Jesus.

A. He is the only one that can pardon sin

1. Sin separates man and God that is bridged by Jesus Christ. (John 3:16)

a. Sin basically is an attitude. It is going one's own way. It is a lack of relationship with God.

b. If you are on the throne of your life, you are in sin. If Christ is on the throne, you are not in sin.

2. God's provision is sacrifice.

a. In the Old Testament the sin of the sinner was transferred to a perfect animal being sacrificed.

- b. God's Son became the perfect sacrifice for all time.
- c. The life of something is in the blood. The precious truth of the Scriptures is that the Son of Man gave to give His life—His blood—for our sins.
- d. No provision is made for sin outside of this sacrifice.
- e. God has promised that we can know Him now and have fellowship with Him.

3. Taking Christ out of Christianity leaves us with nothing unlike taking the main figures out of other religions.

4. One can receive forgiveness for sins today.

- a. Only Jesus can pardon sin. (John 1:12)
- b. One can invite Jesus into his life now while his heart is tender toward God. (Revelation 3:20)

B. He is the only one who can give purpose.

1. God has created all things for a purpose. This can be seen through the order of creation and especially man. (Colossians 1:15)

2. The tragedy is that man has been created with free will and has said no to God.

3. We do not break God's laws—God's laws break us.

- a. Christ brings real purpose to marriage.
- b. The statistics show that devoted Christians are far less likely to divorce.
- c. When Christ is not on the throne there is discord in relationships; when He is on the throne there is peace.

4. Men can learn the art of business or success without learning the art of life—this only comes from knowing Jesus Christ.

C. He is the only one who can give peace to a troubled heart.

1. Jesus leaves an otherworldly peace. (John 14:26, Matthew 11:28)

2. Becoming a Christian does not promise an immediate utopia but peace from Jesus.

3. Tragedy will come, but Christ, the Prince of Peace, waits to give you His peace.

4. He also gives power to live a new life.

D. He is the only one who can give power to live an abundant life.

1. Christ literally lives within a person.

2. We become instruments of His power.
3. We must become spiritual creatures to live for Him. (John 3)
4. The new birth takes place when Jesus comes to live in you.
5. Commitment as a Christian involves the whole person—it involves the mind, the intellect, the heart and the will.
 - a. One is not a Christian unless there is a surrender of the will to Christ.
 - b. This is the key to becoming a Christian and living a victorious life.

IV. Conclusion: Receive Christ.

Application questions

1. What are the unique provisions of Jesus listed by the speaker? How are they unique?

2. Which of the provisions stood out to you? What did you learn?

3. Have you received Jesus into your own life? If so, how has obedience worked itself in you and is Christ the throne on your life now? If not, what is keeping you from receiving Him now?

Jesus Christ is the subject of more than 300 Old Testament prophecies. His birth nearly 2,000 years ago, and events of His life had been foretold by many prophets during a period of 1,500 years. History confirms that even the smallest detail happened just as predicted. It confirms beyond a doubt that Jesus is the true Messiah, the Son of God and Savior of the world. The following chart lists some of the amazing predictions concerning Jesus Christ, together with the record of their fulfillment. [Click here to order the printed study guide, The Uniqueness of Jesus. Jesus Claims Concerning Who He Is.](#) In your own words, write the claims Christ made concerning Himself in the following verses: Mark 14:61-62, John 6:38, John 8:42, John 5:17-18, John 10:30. Orthodox Christians believe that Jesus is the unique Son of God in human flesh. However, some unbelievers, who may or may not believe Jesus existed, do not believe that Jesus was necessarily a wise or a particularly good man. Others, such as Muslims, think that Jesus was a prophet, along with other prophets. Some of this evidence is seen in other aspects of Christ's uniqueness. The Supernatural Nature of Christ. Unique in Messianic Prophecies. The Importance of the Uniqueness of Jesus. Jesus did not conjure Himself or come into the world as a genie in a bottle, nor as a moral teacher or philosopher. Jesus came into the world, as Paul says in 1 Timothy 1:15, which shows the preexistence of Jesus in another realm prior to existing in this world as a baby. As we gather together the biblical witness to identify Jesus, we would do well to look at the answer given in the Westminster Shorter Catechism Answer 21. These truths tell readers about the identity of Jesus, which is made clear at the beginning of each gospel. Matthew 1 tells Bible readers about Joseph's discovery that his bride-to-be was pregnant.