

Sermon on the Mount Part 23

The God Man!

Matthew 7:28-29

I. The cultural view of Jesus

- In the culture in which we live today there are many views, thoughts, and opinions about the man Jesus Christ
 - Some say that Jesus was simply a good man, but not the son of God
 - Others say was a prophet or enlightened person, but not the savior
 - Then there are the pictorial representations of Jesus that portray Jesus with long light blond hair, perfectly feathered on the sides, with deep blue eyes. In my opinion this simply takes away from the man who is Jesus!
- Would the real Jesus step forward please
 - With so many cultural views and opinions about Jesus which visual view of Jesus do we hold?
 - I believe it was Spurgeon that said “We can make too much of the Deity of Christ and make Him unapproachable, or we can make too much of His humanity and make Him like us”.
 - Jesus in my view was a man’s man
 - Spurgeon on the Humanity of Jesus “And now wonder, ye angels, the Infinite has become an infant; he upon whose shoulders the universe doth hang, hangs at his mother’s breast; he who created all things, and bears up the pillars of creation, hath now become so weak, that he must be carried by a woman”
 - He was a carpenter who swung a hammer and knew what physical labor was.
 - I can see Jesus being in good shape from carpentry work and as He entered into His earthly ministry we know He walked everywhere He went.
 - Jesus in my view is the God as well.
 - Spurgeon on the Deity of Christ “Depend upon it, my hearer, you never will go to heaven unless you are prepared to worship Jesus Christ as God” and “With a Savior less than divine you have a religion less than saving.”
 - As Peter answered in Matthew 16:16 “Thou are the Christ the son of the living God”
 - Jesus demonstrated that He was the chosen one just one chapter later when Peter, James, and John saw Him in the transfiguration.
 - Jesus is the one spoken of in Isaiah 35:4-10
 - I believe Isaiah saw Jesus in Isaiah 6 as revealed in John 12:41
- In short Jesus is the God Man!
 - Hebrews 4:12-16

II. The non-politically correct teachings of Jesus!

- Jesus taught that He was the Son of God and salvation was to be found in Him alone
 - Jesus made this claim through 7 “I AM” statements found in the book of John. Exodus 3:13-14
 - **Here are the “I AM” statements made by Jesus!**
 - I am the Bread of Life. John 6:35 and John 6:48
 - I am the light of the world. John 8:12 and John 9:5
 - I am the door. John 10:9
 - I am the good shepherd. John 10:11-14
 - I am the resurrection and the life. John 11:25
 - I am the way. John 14:6 “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by Me”
 - I am the true vine. John 15:1 and John 15:5
- Jesus clearly taught that He and He alone was the fulfillment of OT prophecies concerning the coming messiah. He clearly taught that eternal life is found in Him and in Him alone!
- Jesus spoke out against the teachings of the Scribe, Pharisees, and Sadducees like no other teacher had ever done!
 - John 8:33-47
 - Matthew 23:13-33 Jesus speaks 8 woes unto the Pharisees and closes by calling them Serpents, and a generation of vipers!

III. Jesus...Liar, Lunatic, or Lord!

- **Liar-**
 - After examining the scriptures and claims that Jesus made how could He be a good man, a moral teacher, and a prophet, but not be the son of God?
 - If He is not the son of God sent to die for the sins of the world then Jesus cannot be a good man and a moral teacher. He would be a liar, because He claimed to be the Son of God.
- **Lunatic**
 - Some simply say that Jesus really thought He was the son of God in His mind so really to Him He was not lying. He simply had mental problems and delusions about who He was
 - Once again the scripture teaches us that Jesus answered each and every question that the Scribes and Pharisees asked of Him. In many cases they walked away with nothing to say!
- **Lord**
 - So if Jesus is not a liar, and He is not mentally disturbed, then the only other option for Him is that He is the Son of the living God just as He said.