

# The One We Call Jesus

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No defense is needed to establish Jesus as **Creator** and **Lord** of this universe. Both heaven and earth give testimony of His Creative power. Nature, as we know it, speaks to the issue of someone who is much greater than human as being the Maker and in control of all creation.

Like it or not – believe it or not, the most sagacious minds of any and all time can do little to negate the faith that the world was set in order by a superior creator.

**The Bible records Jesus Christ as the Creator of both heaven and earth** and the Old Testament teaches that God is not only the Creator, but is the **owner** of all His creation. John says in the New Testament, “He was in the world and the world was made by Him, but the world knew Him not.” But, John also states that “without Him was not anything made that was made.” (John 1:1-10) Creation then, as we understand it, was the work of Jesus Christ. Not only was His purpose for coming to earth the redemption of mankind, He came to inform us who the real Creator actually is. His miracles, His death and resurrection and many other superhuman things which He did while on earth confirm who He actually was and is. Nothing in secular history provides us with a greater understanding about the physical coming of Christ and the work of creation than does the Bible. The attempts of any historian who tries to invalidate the history of the Bible must have such invalidation predicated upon speculation, not fact. Since none of us were actually there, any negative human assumption is futile at its very best; therefore, it should be viewed as such.

**Where does the inquiring mind search for heaven and earth’s Maker?** How do we link up with the Creator? And, where in the mix of things do we relate to the one called Jesus? Do we look for answers in the mighty oceans of the world, or do we search in the jungles of some foreign land? How do we connect and know for sure that our connection is real and that it attaches us to the true and living God? **The answer should be in the church world**, but many times church entities are so full of non-spiritual things that the God-effect is lost in the shuffle. Money, head counts, and memberships may have captured our attention and have done so at the expense of the true purpose of the church. If this be true, it is most unfortunate.

**The One we call Jesus was and is much more than a lowly and humble personality from Galilee.** For more than thirty years He lived among His fellow friends and enemies, but sometimes He was alone in the mountains, on primitive roads, and at other times He was in other places of obscurity. Little did the world of His day realize who Jesus actually was. This may be true today. More than a teacher and preacher, He was the Son of God walking among men. According to the Genesis record He was with His Father during the creation of man. “Let us make man in **our image**”, the scripture states. (Genesis 1:26)

The earth on which He walked was the work of His own creation. It came about simply by His spoken word. It was He who formed the oceans, rivers and seas and framed them in boundaries of rock, dirt and clay and ordered that they go no further than what He

prescribed. The order still stands and for centuries they have been in total obedience to His commands.

**The Bible record states Jesus was born in Bethlehem.** (Luke 2:11) **This is a Bible fact.** People in and around Bethlehem, the ancient city of David, even now, attest to the fact that Jesus was born there. What was once a lowly habitat for animals and a few shepherds is punctuated today by an impressive building which marks the specific spot of that special event. For nearly two thousand years the world has known of the manger scene of Bethlehem. It will always be a hallowed place.

**The manger and cradle were temporary.** Jesus grew in stature and in favor with God and man. At age thirty He went to the Jordan River where a cousin, John the Baptist, was baptizing and submitted to baptism in that river. It marked the beginning of a little more than a three-year ministry. The end for both John and Jesus was brutal! Both were murdered, John was killed for speaking the truth; Jesus was crucified for being the truth.

**Honest history records both good and bad things.** It shows us how good and many great people have fallen victims to religious and political pressures and demises. John the Baptist met his death from a politician. Jesus met His death from the influence of religion. Neither the political world nor the religious world were ready for the truth. Think about this. Is this becoming a truism of today?

**It may be time for us to rethink the direction to where religion is taking the world.** Instead of being religious at the expense of being spiritual, we ought to be spiritual at the expense of being religious. There is a difference. **Intellectually, many know about Jesus Christ, but the greater question is do we know Him in the true spiritual sense?** One can know about Christ without actually knowing who He really is. It is like studying and mastering a cookbook while starving for food. We are instructed in the scriptures that “the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.”

(II Corinthians 3:6)

Many great denominations have records of beautiful spiritual experiences in the early days of their formation. Little or no emotion is now being encouraged by some. Emotion is not everything, but emotion testifies of life. Where there is no emotion, there is no life. Subscribers to the Christian faith should be encouraged to worship freely and come not just to the church, but to the Christ of the Church and then worship Him as Saviour and Lord.

**Jesus Christ is the answer to many questions posed in our complex world and Jesus is our solution.** He will respond to our needs if we will ask Him, but He does not force Himself upon us. Whether we admit it or not, both religious leaders and political leaders need the leadership of Christ, and so do lay people. Our world needs great change and we can have it if we will humble ourselves and pray. If we could make the changes necessary without the Lord, Christ would have never come and offered Himself. But, He knows and all of us should know, we do need help from God, now. Today is a great time to start praying. **The One we call Jesus is alive and well today** and is fully cognizant of all things which pertain to the world and to His people. He is not dead, nor does He even slumber. (Psalm 121:4) There is no sealed tomb anywhere on earth where we can go and say there lies the body of Jesus Christ. We can go to Jerusalem and find an empty tomb. The One we call Jesus is about life

and love. After His death He arose from the dead and lives to meet our needs and particularly our spiritual needs.

His specific advice was to seek Him and then, all other things which we may need will be added to us.

If one's life is in turmoil, why not turn to Jesus? We can do it by simply praying today. A prayer of beautiful phraseology is not necessary, but an honest and sincere prayer is enough. Jesus is real, alive and is forever close to us and is ready to help us. Just ask Him, and experience the change.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

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