

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JESUS

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Secularly speaking, nothing intrinsically spectacular about Jesus' birth and life (except virgin birth)
 - 1. Born in lowly circumstances Lk 2:7
 - 2. Never acquired wealth or power Matt 8:20; Jhn 18:36
 - 3. No unusual beauty or magnetism Isa 53:2
 - 4. Many enemies, some influential Matt 22:15,16, 23
- B. Many of those He taught forsook him, even apostles left him at his crucifixion Jhn 6:66; Matt 26:56
- C. Even immediate family did not appreciate him Matt 13:57
- D. Obviously, we can't talk about all Jesus did Jhn 21:25.
Just look at some of what Jesus accomplished to make him the greatest man to have ever lived?

DISCUSSION:

I. JESUS BECAME THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

- A. Jesus existed before coming to earth Jhn 1:1-2; 8:58
 - 1. Jesus, the Word (logos), had enjoyed splendor of heaven as God Phil 2:7-8
 - 2. Offered himself as a sin offering for sins of man Heb 10:1-10,12,14; Matt 26:28; Acts 2:38
- B. All great men of world combined could not help man regarding his sins Jhn 1:29

II. JESUS BECAME THE CONSUMMATE MEDIATOR

- A. Mediator is a go between, one who acts in behalf of two parties, in this case God and man 1Tim 2:5
- B. Jesus is qualified because he is both God and man Heb 1:8; 1Tim 2:5; Jhn 14:6

III. JESUS SET THE PERFECT EXAMPLE

- A. "Example" Vine says: to write under, to trace letters for copying by scholars" Hence, Jesus is the perfect writing, if you will, whom we are to seek to duplicate
- B. Jesus is our example 1Pet 2:21
- C. In prayer, standing for the truth, and rebuking sinners Lk 6:12; Matt 4:4,7,10; Matt 23
- D. Jesus is our example in service and keeping God's commandments Jhn 13:7-16; Jhn 4:34

IV. JESUS PROVIDED TEACHING FOR THE WORLD

- A. World's most outstanding teacher Matt 5:2
 - 1. People astonished Matt 7:28
 - 2. Taught as one having authority Matt 7:29
 - 3. Applicable, practical, concrete, and exclusive
- B. Must not go beyond, other teaching forbidden 2Jhn 9-11; Gal 1:6-10

- B. In addition to teaching Jesus did on earth, he revealed his will through his apostles 1Cor 14:37

V. JESUS CAUSED DIVISION

- A. Many do not think of Jesus as effecting division, but he did Matt 10:34-36
- B. Caused division among Jews because he would not doctrinally compromise or relent Jhn 9:16; 10:19
- C. There is division today when those who do not love the Lord and his commandments collide with those who respect the authority of the word 1Cor 11:19

VI. JESUS ESTABLISHED HIS KINGDOM

- A. The Kingdom was prophesied long before Jesus came into this world Dan 2:44; Gal 4:4
- B. Jesus promised to build his church or Kingdom and kept his promise Matt 16:18,19
 - 1. Christians at Colosse had been "translated into the Kingdom of his dear Son" Col 1:13
 - 2. Some continue to wait on a secular, political Kingdom. Jesus never taught or promised such a kingdom Jhn 18:36,37

VII. JESUS PROVIDES GRACE & SALVATION FOR MAN

- A. Grace came by Jesus Jhn 1:17
- B. Jesus came that man might have life and have it more abundantly Jhn 10:10
 - 1. However, this eternal life is not unconditional. Not everyone will be saved Matt 7:13,14,21
 - 2. Man must believe, repent, confess their faith, and be baptized for the remission of sins to have God's grace Jhn 8:24; Acts 17:30,31; Rom 10:9,10; Acts 2:38

CONCLUSION:

- A. Jesus accomplished much on man's behalf.
- B. Not only did He accomplish great things, they could not have been realized by any other.
- C. These great accomplishments are reflective of Jesus' Sonship, he was not just an ordinary man!
- D. But remember, to appropriate these benefits man must submit to the will of Jesus. Have, or will you?

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