

Jesus: The Way He Loved

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There is no vocabulary expressive enough to say what needs to be said about Jesus. It is astounding to me that the gospel records give only small details about his life, that they speak in such matter-of-fact language, and without any glowing reports of either His demeanor or His work. If men, unguided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, had written records of His life and living, there would be literally volumes, and they would be filled with words extolling Him and citing how wonderfully astonishing were His works and how beautiful His life, and in words innumerable and expressions too multitudinous to count.

But in spite of our inability to contain ourselves when we speak of Him, there is the ever-present need to say things about Him so that we may emulate His life in ours. Let me try.

Jesus Christ was “in the beginning.” “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.” There’s power in that. If He was in the beginning and He was God, and He came to the earth, it says that the mission He came to accomplish must have been terribly important. And it was.

Jesus Christ was the agent of creation. “All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made.” How amazing that He who was the means by which all things were made, came and became a part of what He made. What humility! What love!

Jesus Christ was the witness to men of God Himself. “That was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.” What an enterprise is that one which caused God Almighty to send His Son into this world to enlighten the world with a true picture of the Creator. Does it not seem astonishing that One so great would literally bend down to us through His Son? Can you get hold of that? Can you fathom such love, such devotion?

Jesus Christ was “made flesh and dwelt among us.” It is impossible to over-estimate the value of that simple statement. Hear that again, please: He was “made flesh,” who was the agent of creation, the illumination of the Father, the Word of Heaven; yet He relegated Himself willingly to a fleshly body, one subject to all the temptations of mankind. He was made flesh and dwelt among us. God came to be a man, left heaven to become flesh? Why? Why would He do that? Why would He? Love, that’s why—a love like has never before nor since been seen. Oh, what a Savior!

Jesus Christ brought grace and truth to mankind. “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” Now, that’s something to think about, something

to arrest and maintain our attention. Grace, the predicate on which all forgiveness rests, could never have been but by the Savior. Man could not save himself. Hear it: man could not save himself. Never. Without grace, this marvelous attribute of Deity made evident in Jesus Christ, there would be no good future for any man—no, not one. And this grace, sequentially, brought to man the truth of the gospel, the “mystery” revealed in Him to take away the sins which separated man from his Creator. Grace and truth, the necessary parts of salvation, are brilliantly illustrated in the cross He bore. And all for us, that grace and truth might come together in man’s redemption. Thank God for our Lord Jesus Christ!

And Jesus Christ died for us. “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” God’s love is the basis for our reconciliation, the motive for the Savior, the means for our propitiation. He went to the cross for you and me. He hung there for you and me. Do you hear? He hung there for you and me.

And you’re going to tell me that it makes no difference to you? If you walk away from Him, if you merely ignore the salvation He purchased for you, you say, in essence, “none of that makes any difference to me.” How can you do that?

Come to Jesus. He will save you.