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“...Let God Be Magnified.”

~ Psalm 70:4 (KJV)

JESUS: Our Spiritual Example

Has anyone told you they would believe God IF He appeared to them?

The fact is, *God already revealed Himself to mankind* through the life of one man who lived over two thousand years ago.

**Jesus is "... the brightness of His [God's] glory,
and the express image of His person..."**

Hebrews 1:3

If you really want to *see* what God is like, then  *look* at Jesus Christ, His Son!

Jesus, the Son of God

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made....
And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...."* John 1:1-3, 14

❖ **Circle** who is identified as "*the Word*."

❖ **Underline** what "*the Word* was made".

The Word became a man and lived among us as God's only begotten Son, *Jesus Christ!*

*"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature....
For in Him [Jesus] dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."* Colossians 1:15 & 2:9

❖ **Underline** each description of Jesus Christ in these verses.

Christ is the *visible* representation of the *invisible* God.

"I know men, and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a man.... Between Him and whoever else in the world there is no possible term of comparison....

Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I myself have founded great empires.



But upon what did these creations of our genius depend? **Upon FORCE.**

Jesus alone founded His empire **upon LOVE**; and to this very day millions would die for Him." ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

Jesus, the Son of Man

⁵ "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
⁷ But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men"
Philippians 2:5-7

❖ **Circle** how verse 6 describes Jesus.

❖ **Underline** what verse 7 says Jesus did.

Jesus

Jesus, the Way

*"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:
no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."*

John 14:6

❖ **Circle** who can come to God without Jesus.

"On July 20, 1969, **Apollo 11** astronauts landed on the moon...Millions remember the words of Neil Armstrong:

*'That's one small step for man,
one giant leap for mankind.'*




...Two thousand years earlier, the Creator of the moon made a giant leap of a vastly different kind. He **descended** from heaven to earth (**Philippians 2:5-8**).

God the Son, the eternal Word (**John 1:1, 14**), stepped down from heaven to become fully human, while remaining fully God.

It was an amazing 'leap,' which showed us God's heart of love. He became one of us so that He could die on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. By trusting Him as our Savior, we are forgiven.

...He now unites all who trust Him, producing in them a growing humility and love that replaces selfishness and pride.

 **Going to the moon is NOTHING compared to that."**
~ Dennis J. De Haan

"JESUS is **not** one of MANY ways to approach God, **nor** is He the best of SEVERAL ways;

He is the  **ONLY** way."

~ A. W. Tozer

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Jesus, Our Savior

*"And we have seen and do testify
that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world."*

1 John 4:14

❖ **Circle** why God the Father sent His Son, Jesus, to earth.

IF our greatest need had been **INFORMATION**, God would have sent us an **EDUCATOR**.
IF our greatest need had been **TECHNOLOGY**, God would have sent us a **SCIENTIST**.
IF our greatest need had been **MONEY**, God would have sent us an **ECONOMIST**.
IF our greatest need had been **PLEASURE**, God would have sent us an **ENTERTAINER**.
BUT since our greatest need was **FORGIVENESS**, God sent us a **SAVIOR**.

~ Roy Lessin

Jesus, Our Example

*"For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults,
ye shall take it patiently?
but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently,
this is acceptable with God.
For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us,
leaving us an **example**, that ye should follow His steps"*

1 Peter 2:20-21

❖ **Underline** what is "acceptable with God."

❖ **Circle** who "suffered" for us.

*"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us.... "*
 Ephesians 5:1-2

❖ **Underline** Christ's example of sacrificial love.

To "walk in love" means trying to live the way Jesus would.

What Would Jesus Do?

"Hang this question up in your homes – '**What would Jesus do?**'
and then think of another – '**How would Jesus do it?**'

For what Jesus would do and how He would do it
may always stand as the best guide to us."

~ Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

► Compassionate Lives

*"Wherefore in all things it behooved Him [Jesus] to be made like unto His brethren,
that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God,
to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.
For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted,
He is able to succor [help] them that are tempted."*

Hebrews 2:17-18

❖ **Underline two** reasons it "behooved" (or was necessary) for Jesus "to be made like" us.

❖ **Circle** what Jesus is able to do because He "suffered being tempted."

Jesus is a *Compassionate Helper* in our times of need
because He experienced and overcome temptation.



"Christ literally walked in our **shoes** and entered into our affliction." ~ Tim Keller



"Each of us is an
Innkeeper
who decides if there is
room for Jesus!"

~ Neal Maxwell

*"He that saith
he abideth in Him
ought himself also so to walk,
even as He walked."*

1 John 2:6

"One will never know
if what motivates us is
Moral CONVICTION
OR
Moral CONVENIENCE
until we are forced to suffer loss
for standing our ground
or keeping our word."

~ Sam Storms

*"...remember the words of
the Lord Jesus, how He said,
**It is more blessed
to give than to receive.**"*

Acts 20:35

"What **common task**
could I start doing as if
I were doing it directly
for Jesus?"

~ Rick Warren

*"Be ye therefore merciful,
as your Father
also is merciful."*

Luke 6:36

► Humble Lives

*"And being found in fashion as a man,
He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."
Philippians 2:8*

❖ Circle **who** "humbled" Christ.

❖ Underline **how** Christ showed humility.

Note that Christ "**humbled Himself.**"

- ❖ Others can humiliate us, but only we can humble ourselves. There is a difference!
- ❖ If you are not humble, just look in the mirror to see who is preventing you.

► Surrendered Lives

*"And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and He saith to His disciples,
Sit ye here, while I shall pray....
And He went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that,
if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.
And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee; take away this cup from me:
nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt."
Mark 14:32, 35-36*

❖ Underline Jesus' prayer.

*"Then said Jesus unto His disciples,
If any man will come after me, let him deny himself,
and take up his cross, and follow me."
Matthew 16:24*

❖ Underline what a disciple of Jesus should do.



► Prayerful Lives

*"I [Jesus] pray for them [disciples]: I pray not for the world,
but for them which Thou hast given me; for they are Thine....
Neither pray I for these alone,
but for them also which shall believe on me through their word"
John 17:9, 20*

❖ Circle two groups of people Jesus prayed for.

Before His crucifixion, Jesus prayed for **His disciples** and **everyone else** who would later believe on Him!



► Forgiving Lives

*"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary,
there they crucified Him, and the malefactors,
one on the right hand, and the other on the left.
Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"
Luke 23:33-34*

❖ Underline Jesus' prayer.

On the cross, Jesus demonstrated how to forgive and love your enemies.

*"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another,
if any man have a quarrel against any:
even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."
Colossians 3:13*

❖ Circle how we are to "forgive."



"FORGIVENESS is not that stripe which says, '*I will forgive, but not forget.*'
It is not to bury the hatchet with the handle sticking out of the ground,
so you can grasp it the minute you want it."
~ D. L. Moody

? What does **Matthew 23:12** say will happen if you humble yourself?

HUMILITY

- is not thinking less of yourself
- but **thinking of yourself less.**

~ C. S. Lewis

*"... God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the **humble.**"
James 4:6*

“**“Taking up my ‘cross’**
means a life voluntarily
surrendered to God.”
~ A. W. Tozer

? What did Jesus do all night before He called His twelve disciples? See **Luke 6:12-13.**

*"When a **deep injury**
is done us,
we never recover
until we **FORGIVE.**"*

~ Alan Paton



"Forgiveness
is God's command."
~ Martin Luther

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