

“Jesus My Superhero”  
Superhero Sunday  
John 3:16 New International Readers Version  
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Wow! We have a lot of superheroes here today!!!! Did you know that all superheroes do not wear capes?

For example: Moms **(Image)**. Yes, in my opinion moms are superheroes. Let’s have all moms/grandmoms stand!!!!

Speaking of moms and grandmoms. My daughter-in-law is a superhero “again.” Our grandson Banks Grier Baldrige was born in South Carolina **(image)**, weighing in at 8 pounds 10 ounces and 21 inches long. Somehow YaYa is already up there **(image)**.

It’s not just moms that are heroes without capes. All current and retired law enforcement stand!!! **(image)**

Our military are also heroes **(image)**. All who have been in the military stand!!!

But oh, there’s more. I consider firefighters heroes **(image)**. Please stand.

And then there are heroes among us that we don’t typically think of, oh, but in my opinion they are heroes.

Nurses **(image)** Retired and current, please stand.

Doctors **(image)** Retired and current, please stand.

Oh and let us not forget---teachers **(image)**, retired and current please stand.

And guess what...there are more superheroes here, and I’m going to introduce them at the end of the sermon.

Typically when we think of Superheroes we think of those in the movies, comic books that have super powers.

For example let’s look at this possibility of a Top Ten list **(image)**

Let’s take a vote and see who you think is the best on this Top Ten List. When I mention your favorite---clap loudly.

Thor     Hulk     Ironman     Batman     Captain America     Superman     Spiderman

Funny that it says Top Ten List, and it only lists 7. Let me give you an 8<sup>th</sup>...Wonder Woman **(image)**

There are 2 other superheroes I'll be talking about before we are done today.

Those 8 are great superheroes. I want to tell you about another superhero. Jesus. Jesus is my superhero. I am going to tell you why, but before I do let me talk to you in more detail about 3 superheroes that are usually in the top of all superheroes list.

“Spiderman, Spiderman Does whatever a spider can, Spins a web any size Catches thieves just like flies...”

Ah, Spidey **(image)** Now tell me who Spiderman really is....His name is xxxx Peter Parker. He has amazing. I know many of you like the computer but Spiderman really “surfs the web.” He has superhuman capabilities of sensing his surroundings, reflexes, power, shooting a web from his wrist, climbing up the side of buildings, and primarily he helps those in trouble.

The next hero has been in some recent movies, but I remember this hero from the comics I read and watching a show on TV. **(soundtrack of old Batman show)** Sock, pow, zock. And we remember Robin saying things like, “Holy leotard Batman!” Currently the image has changed **(image)**

Batman's real name is xxxx Bruce Wayne. Some of his super powers include--- Very intelligent, rich, fantastic car, strength, skills and again we find that this superhero helps those in trouble.

Another very popular hero is...well see if you tell by the music... **(Superman soundtrack)**. Yes, Superman. **(image)**

Ah, but I remember watching this on TV as well...the beginning of the show said:  
Faster than a speeding bullet,  
More powerful than a locomotive,  
Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound,  
It's a bird!  
It's a plane!  
It's Superman!

Superman, rocketed to earth as an infant when the distant planet of Krypton exploded, who disguised as Clark Kent, a mild mannered reporter for the Daily Planet, fights a never-ending battle for truth, justice and freedom, with super powers far beyond those of ordinary mortals.

Now if you will let me make the following changes for comparison sake...Jesus, rocketed to earth as infant from heaven's distance, disguised as Jesus, a mild mannered carpenter's son, fighting a never ending battle for truth, justice and freedom, with super powers beyond those of ordinary mortals...for this Jesus is fully God.

Yes Superman flies, has heat vision, x-ray vision, superhuman sense, travels at the speed of light.

This super-hero also helps those in trouble. Superman knows when there is trouble. He is faster than a speeding bullet--travels at the speed of light...so he is always there, and he more powerful than a locomotive. Why he can stop a bullet with his hand.

Jesus is all knowing. Jesus is always there. Jesus is all powerful.

In 2006 there was the Superman Returns movie. One of the scenes of that movie has he and Lois Lane standing on top of a building. He says, "Listen. What do you hear? I hear everything." He tells Lois, "You wrote that the world doesn't need a savior, but every day I hear people crying for me."

Friends, every day the world is crying out for a Savior. Jesus is the real superhero. He is the real one who helps people in trouble. We all find ourselves in trouble.

John 3:16: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son."

**(Image)** You see as many superheroes as there may be....Jesus tells all of these superheroes "And this is how I saved the world." He saved the world by dying on a cross. We were in trouble, we could not save ourselves....so God sent Jesus...

And anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.

Jesus is my superhero. He changed my name. Oh not from Peter Parker to Spiderman. Not from Bruce Wayne to Batman. And not even Clark Kent to Superman....but he changed my name to Christian. You see scripture says, "Christ in you the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:27)

"Jesus you're my superhero. You're my star, my best friend. Better than Spiderman, Better than Superman, Better than Batman. Better than anyone."

My name was changed to Disciple. My name was changed to follower. My name was changed to Christian.

Now as we develop a relationship with Jesus we too become heroes. A hero is defined as one who is known for great courage and great strength. Today we need heroes. We need people of noble character, we need people of great courage, we need people of great strength. You are that person.

Jesus my superhero...can be your superhero too. He can come be with you and make you a hero of faith.

I don't completely understand Spiderman, Batman and Superman and to be honest I don't quite understand how we can be heroes. Heroes of the faith. But check out this verse:

**Ephesians 3:20 New International Reader's Version (NIRV) <sup>20</sup> God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us.**

It is His power at work in you. He gives you power. He gives you strength. He is always with you. With Christ in you you are a Hero. Jesus saved the world; He is my superhero. You can be a hero today...without a cape...man or woman. Old or young. All ages. You are a hero---His power and strength are in you.

Hear my when I say...all heroes please stand!!!!!!

Yes! Yes! Yes! We may be heroes of the faith....but Jesus is our Superhero.

After the closing prayer....go...and be that hero of faith...and let others know that Jesus is your superhero.