

What did Jesus Say About?

The world is becoming increasingly challenging to live in. Craziness is spoken and acted daily that is shocking to us. Even in the church of Jesus Christ, people are believing and promoting teachings and beliefs that are anti- Biblical – deceiving the very elect if possible.

The pulpits across America have too many who have distorted the true Gospel of Jesus Christ in order to build a large following and appeal to the easy road of life.

The church's purpose is to proclaim the Gospel so that people are convicted of sin, brought to a place of repentance to trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and live holy lives.

Apostle Paul warned that in the last days-

2Tim 4:3-4 ³ For the time will come when they will not put up with sound instruction, but they will pile up for themselves teachers in keeping with their own desires, to have their ears tickled. ⁴ And they will turn away from hearing the truth and wander off to myths.”
TLV

- You're aware of the various Bibles now that change the gender of God.
- Groups that say only certain portions of the Scripture are applicable for today's culture.
- Others believe that only the red-letter words of Jesus are true scriptures, that the words of Paul, Peter, James, and John are not to be believed.
- Their thinking is that because the other authors of scripture are harsher than the words of Jesus!

**I want to declare before you today that every word in this Bible
are equally important to every other word contained in it!**

The words of the prophets are not less important than the words of Jesus, the words of Moses and Micah are not less important than the words of Jesus.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God: 2Tim3:16-17 ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.”

- You can't have a balanced life in Christ if you don't know the whole Word of God.
- You can't pick and choose what you like or just want to believe, It's ALL God's Word.

- So, what Jesus says, is all important, but so is what James, John, Peter, Paul, & Mark say.

Those who only believe what is recorded that Jesus says is more important is because they feel Jesus is more compassionate than the other authors of scripture.

- Jesus loves us better than Paul and the others.

So, lets see what Jesus said:

1. He called some people wicked, others called hypocrites, others He referred to as liars.

Matt. 15:7, “You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, 8 ‘This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me.’ 9 ‘But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.”

Luke 11:43, “Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the front seats in the synagogues, and the respectful greetings in the marketplaces. 44 “Woe to you! For you are like concealed tombs, and the people who walk over them are unaware of it.”

John 8:44, “You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father...”

John 8:55, “and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be a liar like you, but I do know Him and keep His word.”

- That’s pretty compassionate, right?

2. The road to destruction is wide, broad and many people are going down it; but the road to heaven is narrow and few will be who find it.

Matt 7:13-14 ¹³ “Go in through the narrow door. The door is wide, and the road is easy, which leads to hell. Many people are going through that door. ¹⁴ But the door is narrow, and the road is hard that leads to life that lasts forever. Few people are finding it.”

- Yes, the invitation to Salvation is for everyone – ALL inclusive, but not everyone will choose to enter the narrow gate and find life.

Matt 24:14 “Many are called but few are chosen.”

Many people hear the call of God coming through His revelation through creation, the conscience, and the preaching of the Word. But only the “few” will respond because they are the ones who are truly hearing. Jesus said many times, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear” (Matthew 11:15; Mark 4:9; Luke 8:8, 14:35).

The point is that everyone has ears, but only a few are listening and responding. Not everyone who hears the gospel receives it but only the “few” who have ears to hear. The “many” hear, but there is no interest or there is outright antagonism toward God.

- Some believe in a “universal Jesus” that will save everybody eventually no matter if they choose Him or not. LIE!

3. “Unless you hate: Father, mother, houses, land; you cannot be My disciple.”

Luke 14:26 “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers, and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.”

- Jesus did not mean an emotion hatred of violence, but a decision to say no to the things and even people of this world to put Him and His Kingdom as a priority in our lives.

This means you get up everyday and take up a cross and follow Him – Matt 16:24-26

²⁴ Jesus said to His followers, “If anyone wants to be My follower, he must forget about himself. He must take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵ If anyone wants to keep his life safe, he will lose it. If anyone gives up his life because of Me, he will save it. ²⁶ For what does a man have if he gets all the world and loses his own soul? What can a man give to buy back his soul?

- When you receive Jesus as Savior and Lord, you have forgiveness of sin, peace, and victory; but along with that new life comes a life of a new level of warfare.
- People think becoming a Christian is an escapism and a crutch for those who are weak and insufficient in life.
- The longer a person lives in this world, they will come to the realization that they are weak and need help – they are insufficient in themselves.

Jesus came to redeem us from our fallen natures and create in us the whole man/woman the Lord indented for us to be!

- As a Christian there won’t be a day in your life that you are not called to put on the whole armor of God and take up a cross and bear His burden to be His disciple.

4. Jesus said if you break part of the Law, you are as guilty as if you broke All of the Law

The idea people have that they are doing better than they used to be:

- I don’t do as many drugs as I used to.
- I don’t cuss as much as I used to.
- I don’t indulge in pornography as much as I used to.
- I don’t chase as many men/women as I used to.

In the Kingdom of God, there is no allowance for “Progressive Improvement.”

When you get saved, you get a new spirit – 2Cor. 5:17 “This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”

- A new heart, desire, a new mind.
- You’re responsibility is to renew your mind with God’s Word so you are no longer conformed to the world, but transformed by the RENEWING of your mind.
Rom 12:2 “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

We are given the Holy Spirit to get up every day and walk in victory over our flesh, the devil, and the world.

Gal. 5:16-26 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves. ¹⁷ The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. ¹⁸ But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

¹⁹ When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. ²⁵ Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.”

5. Jesus said: “You must be born again”

John 3:3 “Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

- You can’t go to heaven or experience God’s eternal life unless you are born again, changed from your old sin nature to the new creature in Christ Jesus.
- Until you have the new birth, you are bound for destruction and eternal separation from God and His Kingdom.
- Jesus doesn’t talk about joining the church: He talks about being crucified [in Him], being raised into new life in Jesus, being baptized, being filled with Holy Spirit into the New Life in Christ.

6. **Jesus said: “No one will get to heaven unless they come through Him.”**

John 14:16

“Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

- No one can know the True and Living Father unless they come to Him through Jesus, His Son.
- Jesus never gave place for other gods or other ways to the True God and Heaven.
- There is no allowance for that because there just is no other way, He is the Truth and there's only ONE TRUTH.
- He declares He is: The Bread of Life, The Water of Life, The Truth of Life, I am the Light of the World, I am the Savior of the world alone.

7. **Jesus said: “If a man looks at a woman to lust after her, he has committed adultery in his heart.”**

Matt 5:28

“But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

- It works the same way if a woman lusts in her heart...

So, people think Jesus is softer or easier than Paul, Peter, James, or the others?

- What was Law in the O.T. and demanded a person guilty be stoned; is made even more strict in the N.T. that if even the thought of hate/murder, lust/sex or harming a child and will demand a greater punishment.
- Jesus looked people eye to eye and declared to them that they may have all the appearance of religion and being right, but if their heart was sinful, they were guilty.

8. **Jesus said: “If a man divorces his wife except for the cause of adultery, he has committed adultery.”**

Matt 19:9

“I tell you this, whoever divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery—unless his wife has been unfaithful.”

- We don't hear this mentioned much these days, but divorce and the breakup of the home is what is throwing the children into a world of chaos without parental guidance from BOTH a Father and a Mother.

9. **Jesus said: “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit is cut off.”**

- From the beginning in Genesis, God declared all His creation was to be fruitful and multiply.
- Not just children, but fruitful in every aspect of our lives bringing glory to Him.
- He's looking for fruit from your life as He was looking for fruit from the fig tree.

10. Jesus said: **“In the beginning God created them Male & Female.”**

Matt 19:4 “Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’”

- The liberal preachers who are into social justice, equality and diversity and inclusion will try to make you think you can adjust the scriptures to today’s society so they can be relevant.
- BUT YOU CAN NEVER ADJUST TO THE WORLD. THE CHURCH NEVER ADJUSTS TO THE WORLD.
- THE CHURCH SHOULD NEVER TRY TO BE RELEVANT TO SOCIETY

This is the problem with and in the church today, we are trying to be relevant to society but instead – WE HAVE BECOME IRRELEVANT TO THE DEVIL IN HELL.

We don’t scare them one bit – the world has lost its fear of the Lord because God’s church has lost its fear of the Lord

Churches empty of the Word of God and Truth are like the priests’ sons who attempted to cast demons out of someone using power they didn’t really have: Acts 19:11-20

The demon said: “Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are you?”

- Empty of a relationship with Jesus and powerless of Holy Spirit.
- They have as 2Tim 3:5 “They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!”

11. Jesus said: **“Hell is such a horrible place, you want to avoid it at all costs and do everything you can to avoid it.”**

“If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.” (Mark 9:43)

“And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell.” (Mark 9:47)

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” (Matthew 25:41)

1. **Reality of Hell:** Jesus spoke about hell as a real place of eternal punishment, confirming its existence and warning about its severity.
2. **Eternal Separation:** Hell is described as a state of eternal separation from God, where those condemned will be cast away from His presence.

3. **Serious Consequences:** Jesus used vivid and intense language to emphasize the seriousness of hell and the need to avoid it at all costs, even if it requires radical self-denial.

Jesus was not promoting physical amputation, but drastic measures to get free from the power of sin:

Take Drastic measures:

1. Some of you have gotten in over your heads.
2. You've allowed your flesh desires to overpower you to the point where you are in total confusion as to what to do or how to change things.
3. You've made and participated in commitments the devil has used to trap you.
4. You have become addicted and nobody knows, you engage in secret sin, you are in trouble with the government, you have gotten tangled up with him or her, you have desires that are out of control.

YOU NEED TO TAKE SOME DRASTIC MEASURES TO GET FREE!

**YOU CAN NO LONGER TAKE A PASSIVE APPROACH TO YOUR ETERNAL
DESTINY**

BUT JESUS – can and will and is able to set you free if you will humble yourself before Him and repent and start living His way!