

## What Jesus Does For Me

**Introduction:** We've noted before that Jesus is the most significant man that has ever walked the earth. The pinnacle of human history is centered on Him and the death that he died to redeem mankind. While we often gather to remember Jesus, it serves us well to consider and remind ourselves of what Jesus does for us. While our faith may waiver, we may stumble, looking back to Jesus and all that He has done can help to correct our course and keep us seeking Him. Let us consider for a few moments what Jesus has done for us.

### I. He Reveals God to Us:

- A. To see Jesus is to see the Father: John 14:8-10, Hebrews 1:3
- B. The truth of God and the character of God was revealed to us through Jesus. Through Jesus, we learn that God is:
  - 1. Compassionate: Matthew 9:35-36
  - 2. Merciful: John 8:1-11
  - 3. Holy: 1 Peter 2:22
  - 4. Patient:
- C. The fact that Jesus shows us who God is should impress upon us how much we need Him.

### II. He Provides A Pattern:

- A. The life that Jesus lived is a perfect example for us:
  - 1. Though He was in the form of God, He became a man.
  - 2. He didn't come to be pampered, but to serve. Taking the lowest place, a servant: Matthew 20:28
- B. Jesus teaches us how we ought to live: 1 Peter 2:21-23, John 13:13-15, 5:30, 8:28
- C. If we abide in Christ we will walk as He walked: 1 John 2:6
- D. If more people lived like Christ, this world would be a much better place. We all should strive to be conformed to the image of Christ: Romans 8:29

### III. He Gives Access to the Father:

- A. Throughout the old covenant, God was relatively off-limits to the average Jew. God's presence was found in the Most Holy Place and only the High Priest was allowed to enter there, even then only once a year.
- B. The book of Hebrews shows Jesus as a kind of trailblazer that has opened up a path by which we may access the Father: (remember there is significance to the veil of the temple being torn at Jesus' death.): Hebrews 4:14, 9:24-26, 10:19-22, 4:16
- C. Through the blood of Christ we can be brought near to God: Ephesians 2:11-13

### IV. He Cares For Us:

- A. When the disciples were with Jesus in a storm tossed boat, the questioned His care: Mark 4:38
- B. Throughout His ministry, Jesus proved over and over that He cares for all people: Matthew 14:14, 23:37
- C. We have comfort knowing that Jesus cares for us and will help us with the burdens we face: 1 Peter 5:7

### V. He Helps Us Through Difficult Times:

- A. Jesus is described as a man of sorrows, and therefore knows what we endure: Isaiah 53, Hebrews 4:15-16
- B. The difficulties of this life often serve greater purposes: James 1:2-3, Hebrews 12:5-6, Romans 8:28
- C. We must remember that God hears the prayers of His people and will help them through the difficult times: Psalm 34:15-19
- D. In addition to the care that God provides, He gives us brethren to help bear our burdens: Galatians 6:2

### VI. What Will You Do With Jesus?

- A. Pilate asked: Matthew 27:22
- B. Jews, crucify Him: 27:23
- C. Judas, I will sell Him: 26:15
- D. Peter, deny Him: 26:74
- E. Saul, persecute Him: Acts 9:4
- F. Felix, I will wait: Acts 24:25
- G. The disciple: I will love Him, follow Him, serve Him,

**Conclusion:** Jesus has done so much for us, what will you do with Jesus? We have the ability to have peace, joy, hope, and love because of what Jesus has done for us and continues to do for us. Let us trust in Jesus throughout all of our lives so we can have the hope that He has promised.