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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

**12/4/23**

**The Influence of Jesus Christ**

And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen. (**John 21:25**)

Jesus' impact was too great for historians to deny it; His effect was too great for theologians to change it; His motive was too great for sinners to ignore it; His church is too great for apostates to smear it; His miracles were too great for false prophets to imitate them. The written Word of God contains more power than the world can hold, and the worldly can admit, for it teaches us that:

Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age. (**Titus 2:12**)

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**12/5/23 "We have found the Messiah" (**John 1:41**) – Came From Heaven**

No religious leader, prophet, preacher, Imam, priest, or guru has claimed to be God and proved it, but Jesus did. Jesus said of God,

"But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me." (**John 7:27-29**)

Jesus knew that:

He had come from God and was going to God. (**John 13:3**)

Jesus said to men,

"You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."  
(**John 8:23-24**)

Jesus' words, and God's works prove God's claim that "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (**Matthew 17:5**)

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## **12/6/23 "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41) – No One Spoke Like Him**

At age twelve, Jesus was:

In the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. (**Luke 2:46-47**)

As an adult, the very first time Jesus taught in His home synagogue,

All bore witness to Him, and marvelled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. (**Luke 4:22**)

No religious teacher, preacher, prophet, or leader has ever taught like Jesus did.

Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?"  
The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"  
(**John 7:45-46**)

Does your preacher teach:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved." (**Mark 16:16**)

Why not? Jesus did!

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## **12/7/23 "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41) – Speaks Boldly**

Whether Jesus preached that great Sermon on the mount, or in Capernaum's synagogue:

The people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (**Matthew 7:28-29**;  
**Mark 1:22**)

There is a difference between preaching what one knows about the Scriptures, and preaching as an author of the Scriptures. Jesus said,

"The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works." (**John 14:10**)

No church or preacher today has been given that same boldness to change or privately interpret the Word of God.

But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? (**John 7:26**)

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**12/8/23**

**What "Peace" Did Jesus Bring?**

Jesus spoke to His disciples and said:

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."  
(**John 14:27**)

The "world" offers "peace" by: increasing government power; or giving up to one's enemies; or signing treaties with no teeth; or retreating into drugs and alcohol; or speeding through life while preoccupied by electronics, jobs, athletics, or shopping! Jesus' "Peace" comes only to those who obey His Will. Paul wrote to Christians:

The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. (**Philippians 4:9**)

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