

## QA: What Makes Jesus So Special? by John T Polk II

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

## **QUESTION:** What makes Jesus so special?

ANSWER: The name "Jesus" was, and is today, very commonly used, but the New Testament uses the term "the Jesus" to indicate a special person. The New Testament shows us that:

## 1. John 7:46 - none spoke like Him.

Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. (Luke 4:31-32)

He did not teach as a prophet to whom God had given him what to say, but as God Himself! When challenged by Jewish religious leaders, Jesus knew people who had heard Him could teach the religious leaders!

The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said." (John 18:19-21)

He knew what God said and meant, because He was God!

## 2. John 21:25 - world couldn't hold books of His miracles. There are statements of the plethora of His miracles:

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. (Matthew 4:23-24)

Peter preached:

... how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. (Acts 10:38)

 Mark 2:1-12 - "We never saw anything like this." God had powerfully endorsed prophets before: Enoch, Genesis 5:18-24; Jude 14-15; Moses, Acts 7:17-45; David, Psalm 89:3-4, but never like "the Jesus." God had visited His people before (Exodus 4:30-31), but never by becoming one of them:

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

No one is so clearly above all others who ever have been on Earth as Jesus, the Christ: not Mohammed, Confucius, "Buddha," or any other religious personality. Jesus can make each one of us special if we obey Him.

—— jtpll, August 22, 2021