

QA: Do We Need Jesus Today? by John T Polk II

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

QUESTION: "Do we need Jesus today?"

ANSWER: Absolutely! In a hero-saturated society, most of whom are makebelieve, Jesus has been lost in the shuffle. Super-Heroes are a human attempt to elevate someone who is worthy of adulation above others.

Consider the Real Jesus:

1. Jesus Is Only Begotten

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9)

Jesus is special because:

a. The word, "manifested" means "made obvious," and so:

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. (John 15:13)

b. He is God's "only begotten Son," because no one else has been made like Him! Jesus is not God's "only" Son,

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:26);

c. "And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin" (1 John 3:5). Jesus said,

"If you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." (John 8:24)

2. Jesus Is The Messiah A Samaritan woman said to Jesus,

'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When He comes, He will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am He.' (John 4:25-26)

[She went into her city] and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" (John 4:28-29)

[After they went out and heard Jesus,] they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." (John 4:42)

Even Samaritans saw that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah of the Old Testament. Only the blind still look for Messiah to come! They should say, "we wish to see Jesus." (John 12:21)

3. Jesus Is Everyone's Hope In Resurrection

Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." (John 11:25-27)

- a. Jesus gives hope for life after this life.
- b. To prepare for this, one must be...

... buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses. (Colossians 2:12-13)

c. No other person can promise so much for so many!

——- jtpll, October, 2020