

CHRIST THE MAN OF SORROWS... CHRIST IN THE WORLD
BUT THE WORLD KNEW HIM NOT. (Isaiah 53; John 1:10)

INTRODUCTION:

1. The power of Jesus, or, The greatness of Jesus
2. Jesus was not great and powerful because:
 1. He wrote many books about himself.
 2. Because he was rich owning great estates, great bank accounts. To a would be follower Jesus said, Luke 9:58...

WHEN JESUS WAS ON EARTH

1. A man's tent was his castle and his camel was his touring car.
2. Jesus never saw a gas jet engine move a large plane across the sky all loaded with several hundred people.
3. He who read the Scripture lesson in the synagogue at Nazareth never read a newspaper.
4. He who wrote in the sand with his finger never saw a typewriter, a telegraph instrument, a telephone, a radio or television.
5. Jesus the Great Physican never saw an anaesthetic, nor a hospital as we know them.
6. He who wore the seamless robe never saw a sewing machine.

MANY GREAT MEN IN HISTORY

1. Beginning with Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, Roosevelt and others of our own country.
2. I think no one would argue with the statement that Jesus Christ is the greatest man who ever lived and does live today.
 1. All of the great men mentioned lived and died and except for small bits of history are all but forgotten.
 2. Not so with Christ: He lived and died and lives today at the righthand of God.
3. Our preparation to celebrate the birthday of any of our great men is exceeding meager compared to our preparation to celebrate the birthday of Christ.
 1. What day was Jesus born? I do not know. The Bible does not say.
 2. If we can trust profane history it may have been some where around the first of April.

(PAGE TWO) Jesus the greatest man who ever lived or who will ever live.

JESUS IS THE GREATEST BECAUSE:

1. He offers salvation to all who will have it.
 1. Matthew 11:28-30
2. He is patient toward us not wanting that even one person should be lost. 2 Peter 3:9
3. He can say these things to man and deliver the goods. No man can so say and deliver.
4. He is the greatest because all authority and power in earth and in heaven has been given unto him. Matt. 28:16-20

HISTORICAL FACTS DECLARE JESUS TO BE THE GREATEST one who ever lived or who will ever live:

1. There are to conspicuous class in every school of thought. They are:
 1. The majority who catch things on the run and make sweeping unqualified statements.
 2. The few who are controlled by a desire to investigate and know the facts and reasons why
2. Facts are stubborn things:
 1. They do not have the politeness to bow themselves out when they are in the way.
 2. A fact is an awful thing when it plants itself squarely in the path of a pet theory.
 3. You may argue with a theory about light but you cannot argue with a ray of light.
 4. You may argue about the law of gravitation but you cannot argue with the fact that an object thrown up must come down.

A GROUP OF HISTORICAL FACTS CONCERNING CHRIST:

1. Sunday is set apart as a day of rest but it also tells us about Jesus. Honors Jesus
2. Jesus stands before us in Church buildings
3. In most hotels and motels Bibles are found in most every room to tell us about Jesus.

CHRISTMAS TELLS US OF CHRIST

When Christmas dawns industry is still-shut down.

1. The Jew has closed his store. The Atheist's office door is locked. The sprig of green is seen everywhere. 2) The wicked man when overtaken in dire calamity cease to profane the name Jesus and mutters it in prayer.

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