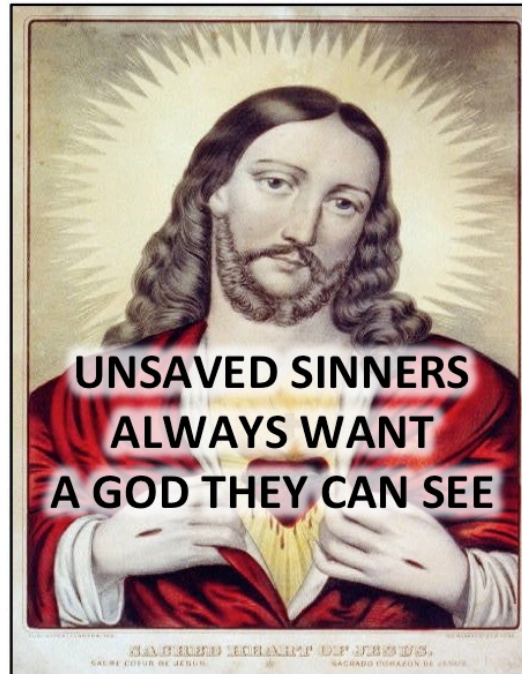


Which Jesus? The Catholic Jesus Or The Real Jesus?



Introduction

In the many years since I became saved **by the grace of God** and left the Catholic church, I have had an opportunity to talk to many Catholics about their faith. The one thing I noticed that they all had in common, without them ever realizing it, is that they all believe in a different Jesus than the Jesus of the Bible. Now “wait a minute!” you say. Our Jesus is the Jesus of the Bible. And to you I respond: Oh really? The Jesus of the Bible condemned many of the things that Catholicism approves of and teaches. Here are just a few examples for you to consider...

The Jesus of the Bible condemns idol worship which most certainly includes owning and bowing down to religious statues:

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: **Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them**, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me” [Exodus 20:4-5]

The Jesus of the Bible only needed to be sacrificed once, not every day during mass:

“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” [Hebrews 1:3]

“But this man, after he had offered **one sacrifice** for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God” [Hebrews 10:12]

The Jesus of the Bible is the head of the church in heaven *and on earth*, not the pope:

“Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church” [Ephesians 1:20-22]

“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.” [Ephesians 5:23]

The Jesus of the Bible is not a wafer made with human hands:

“Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands” [Acts 19:26]

The Jesus of the Bible does not need and does not want any help from his earthly mother or dead “saints” to hear a person’s prayers and petitions:

“For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” [1 Timothy 2:5]

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” [1John 2:1]

The Jesus of the Bible had a mother who was a sinner who needed a Savior:

“And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.” [Luke 1:46-47]

The Jesus of the Bible had literal brothers and sisters:

“Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.” [Mark 6:3-4]

“But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord’s brother.” [Galatians 1:19]

“While he yet talked to the people, behold, *his* mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!” [Matthew 12:46-49]

The Jesus of the Bible condemned men for trying to appear holy by wearing religious costumes:

“Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts” [Luke 20:24]

The Jesus of the Bible is not pleased with people praying repetitious prayers like the Rosary:

“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.” [Matthew 6:7-8]

The Jesus of the Bible does not forbid church leaders from being married:

“A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach” [1 Timothy 3:2]

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe

and know the truth." [1 Timothy 4:1-3]

The Jesus of the Bible is capable of saving men's souls without the help of Catholic priests and without anyone's help, including yours:

"... he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure *therein*; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;" [Hebrews 10:8-12]

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." [Hebrews 7:25]

The Jesus of the Bible did not suffer and die on Calvary just to "enable" all Catholics or all people to be saved but rather to pay a complete and terrible ransom for all the sins of all of His people:

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." [Matthew 1:21] ... "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." [Matthew 20:28] ... "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." [Isaiah 53:5]

The Jesus of the Bible did not come to build the Roman Catholic church. He came to die for ungodly, hell-deserving, hopelessly lost sinners who will end up in hell if Christ does not save them:

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." [Romans 4:5]

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." [Romans 5:6]

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." [Genesis 6:5]

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can

know it?" [Jeremiah 17:9]

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." [Isaiah 64:6]

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." [Luke 19:10]

The Jesus of the Bible setup a Church of saved sinners united by and under the authority of the Holy Spirit, not a church united by human tradition or under the authority of a human hierarchy in Rome:

"For by **one Spirit** are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." [1 Corinthians 12:13]

"For through him we both have access by **one Spirit** unto the Father." [Ephesians 2:18]

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." [John 14:26]

The Jesus of the Bible does not care if your religion satisfies you. It must satisfy Him and His demand for perfection:

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." [Matthew 5:48]

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." [James 2:10]

"Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." [1Peter 1:16]

The Jesus of the Bible credits the account of guilty sinners with His own righteousness so that they are prepared to meet God on Judgment Day:

"And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith" [Philippians 3:9]

Which Jesus is YOUR Jesus?

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