

Students are asked to keep a journal during each subject. This is the journal of one of the students from the subject: JESUS. In this class we seek to get to know Jesus through the Gospels.

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My life has been so changed over this course, studying the life of JESUS. Coming into the course, I felt as though I knew a lot about Jesus life, and would have comfortably said that if someone asked me about what Jesus did on earth, I could have easily answered. During this course, I truly discovered how much more there was to Jesus, and learnt on a whole new level, just what a truly awesome, amazing and special person He is.

I came in, hungry to learn, but came out hungrier than ever before – each class just gave me a new desire to study and read the Word, and study about Jesus. To pray and get know Him more. It was like my eyes had been open to all these new thoughts and possibilities, and I just couldn't wait to discover more.

There were so many things which so greatly impacted me learning about Jesus – and so many areas of His life I had never really thought about. There were so many areas I had just “conveniently” skipped over, because I couldn't understand why Jesus would respond like He did, or even bear to think why he was acting seemingly so rude, etc – however Ps Peter, you just hit this problem which I, and so many other Christians have, head on, and addressed the aspects of Jesus no one will talk about, or are too afraid to preach about. However, when we really went into these situations, so many questions and confusions were cleared up, as I realised what an amazing person Jesus is – how He always acted out of love, and in these situations when it was seemingly so rude, it was so the opposite.

There were SO many parts of Jesus life which impacted me, and challenged me to work on in my own life – way too many to talk about (ie: His deity, His humanity, etc), however there were some which impacted me the most:

- **JESUS AND PEOPLE, and His wisdom**

Jesus was never moved by people. When we did the lesson where we all acted out the scene being described, I realised just how much pressure there was from people. Firstly, at times everyone loved Him – He was really popular. People were promising to follow Him, go wherever He went, and when everything was going good, everyone was ready to do anything they could for Him. Yet as soon as something went wrong, or Jesus healed on the Sabbath, and was in trouble with the Sadducees, everyone suddenly denied knowing Him. He was never moved by this!! He never put His faith in the people!! Whether they were all for Him, or all trying to kill Him, He never changed! He purely had His faith in God, and knew His mission, and nothing – no person pressured him, or changed Him.

- **HIS AUTHORITY**

He walked with authority and faith!! He would raise people from the dead without a doubt, He would speak to the sick, and fully expect to see them healed. Everywhere He walked, He was performing miracles, and acting in the authority which I should be walking in! I mean, I don't walk around and see a dead person, and without any doubt at all, speak to him, and expect to immediately see him rise. Jesus has such awesome faith in God – an unwavering faith, and He knew the authority which is rightly ours over the devil, and knew how to operate in it!

- **HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER AND HOLY SPIRIT**

Jesus always sought His relationship with the Father first – I remember in that situation where His house was being swarmed with people wanting healing, and He was healing late into the night. He would have been exhausted! He was a human, with human limits, so in the natural would have been totally exhausted. Yet He made the commitment really early the next morning, to go and find a quiet and isolated place to seek the Father, and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He totally sought God first, and it didn't matter what the circumstances, or the pressure from people to receive healing, it made sure He sought God.

- **His HUMANITY**

He was a HUMAN!! I always knew this, but didn't fully appreciate that He had truly given up ALL of His authority as the Son! Meaning, I CAN DO EVERYTHING HE DID! I should be walking in the same faith and authority and power that He did.

And most of all....

- **HIS LOVE**

The thing which impacted me the most, was the utter love He walked in. Constantly I was brought to tears when I realised just how much He loved me. He walked constantly with someone trying to kill Him!! People hated Him. People deserted Him. One of His best friends betrayed Him to have Him killed. One of His best friends denied Him. People constantly judged Him, calling Him evil and ungodly. Everyday of His life, there was pressure trying to move Him – He went through more than anyone else on earth has gone through and ever will go through – yet He never acted out of frustration, He NEVER acted out of revenge, He NEVER deserted His mission and asked God to take Him back to Heaven, He was NEVER moved – because He loved me so much. He went through all that pain, humiliation, torture, cruelty and pressure, just for ME – because He truly LOVED me! And He lived it with JOY!! He never let those circumstances influence Him...but He lived His life, knowing what Heaven is like, and what He was going to have to go through...but He did it anyway, just because He loved ME! Wow!

There is so much more I learnt and am still learning about Him. But Jesus was truly the most extraordinary man to ever walk this earth – and this has just inspired me to know Him more.