

Jesus is our SUPER HERO

How do man made super heroes stack up against Jesus Christ?

Origins: The Flash became Flash by being struck by lightning and being doused in chemicals.
The Hulk become Hulk by being exposed to Gama Rays during a military experiment.
Captain America ingested an experimental formula designed to make super soldiers.
Spider Man was bitten by a radioactive spider.
Superman gained his powers by his alien DNA interacted with Earth's atmosphere.

Jesus is Eternal, with no beginning and no end. He has always been God and will always be God. (John 10:30-33, John 8:58 [Jesus is God], Isaiah 40:28, Psalm 90:2 [God is eternal])

Powers: Flash can run super-fast, even moving through time.
Hulk is super strong.
Captain America is the perfect human soldier.
Spider Man has spidey sense and quick reflexes.
Superman has strength, speed, x-ray vision, and can fly.

Jesus created the universe, keeps it from being destroyed by itself (Colossians 1:16-17), controls nature (Mark 4:35-41, Matthew 14:22-33), can create something from nothing (Matthew 14:13-21), is all knowing (Psalm 147:4-5), can heal the blind, deaf, lame, and even the dead (Matthew 11:4-5), could not only teleport himself but others as well (John 6:21), rose from the dead (Mark 16:14-15), ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9-11), and will return not only to take all Christians who ever lived from Earth to Heaven, (I Thessalonians 4:16-17), but will come back one more time to defeat the entire world's armies only his voice (Revelation 19:11-21), and finally will rule over planet Earth for 1000 years (Revelation 20:4).

Enemies: The super heroes have multiple enemies who they barely defeat, keep escaping, and are a constant threat.

The enemy of God's people is Satan (1 Peter 5:8), and Satan is no more a threat to God than a little mouse is a threat to my cat Clara.

Benefactors: Random people who are lucky enough to need help when the heroes are near.
Citizens of a city or nation who are in immediate trouble
Current population of the world which is currently under attack

Jesus can for all sinners (Romans 5:8), who ever lived (John 3:16)

Lifespan: Heroes are constantly in Danger of dying and forever bring forgotten

Jesus existed before time, will exist after time, appeared in the O.T. as well as N.T., will return to Earth for complete his work, and will live eternally with us in The New Heaven and Earth (Revelation 21-22)

What is the biggest difference between Super Heroes and Jesus?

Super Heroes are fictional characters made up by man and constantly change over time.

Jesus is absolutely 100% real.

- a. Just ask Lee Strobel, Josh McDowell, and C.S. Lewis.
- b. Stephen Hawking is no longer an Atheist either.

Why do we celebrate both Jesus birth, death, and resurrection?

1. We celebrate Jesus' birth because this event marked the fulfillment of God's promise to Adam, Abraham, and all Israel to provide a Messiah who would redeem mankind from sin and oppression.
2. We celebrate Jesus death because in Jesus' Death, an atoning sacrifice was made worthy before God to forgive man's sin, satisfy God's Holy requirement for justice, and establish a means by which we can have a right and restored relationship with God.
3. We celebrate Jesus' resurrection because, in raising from the dead, Jesus proved once and for all that he really was God, his teachings were true, and that his plan for salvation from sin was successful.

How should we respond to this information about Jesus?

1. If I am saved:
 - a. I come to church week after week to learn and grow
 - b. I read my Bible and pray at home to build my relationship
 - c. I base my life's goals, world view, philosophy, and behaviors on God's teachings and God's will for me.
 - d. I live my life in a family type relationship with other believers.
2. If I am not saved:
 - a. I admit that I am a sinner and I need to be saved from my sin. (Romans 3:23, 6:23)
 - b. I believe that Jesus is God, that he lived on Earth without sinning, that he died on the cross for my sin, and rose from the dead. (Romans 10:9a)
 - c. I verbalize before God my beliefs and ask God to forgive my sins based on Jesus sacrifice. (Romans 10:9b)
 - d. I start my life long work on #1 "If I am saved" above.

The saving prayer of a sinner desiring to be saved:

Dear Jesus, I am a sinner who desperately wants to be forgiven of all my sin today. I believe you are God, that you lived a sinless life while on this Earth, that you paid the price for my sin on the cross, rose from the dead, and have offered to forgive even me. So, based on my confession of sin and my belief in you - I accept your salvation and thank you so much for it. I promise to live my life in a way that you will approve of - please help me with this. Amen.