

Ending Up on The Right Side of History

A Biblical View of Jesus

Selected Scriptures

1. Jesus' Life Matters

The history and prophecy in the Old Testament was necessary so that people would know where to look for Him (Micah 5:2; Matt. 2:1-6). Despite contemporary accusations of impossibility, Jesus' conception was a singularly unique and necessary miracle for Him to accomplish the plan of God (Luke 1:35; Heb. 2:16-17). The importance of His life of obedience and sinlessness (Matt. 25:59-60; John 8:46; cf. 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:21-23) along with His bodily resurrection (John 10:14-18; 1 Cor. 15:12-19) are truths that must not be compromised for the sake of social credibility.

2. Jesus' Teaching Matters

Jesus is a popular figure in our secularized western society, and it is common for non-Christians to appeal to statements or ideas that Jesus come from Christ (eg. Matt. 7:1, 12; John 8:7). Jesus teaching is not for the self-righteous who believe they are capable of doing what He has commanded because He exposes the hidden sin or the intrinsic goodness of every person (Lk. 18:9; Jn. 4:16-18; 8:34-40, 44). It is only possible to casually like Jesus' teachings if you do not understand them or take them seriously. If they are clearly perceived and thoughtfully regarded, then a person will either walk away from Jesus (Mk. 10:22; Jn. 6:60) or repent and follow Him (Jn. 4:29, 39-42; 6:68; Lk. 19:8-10).

3. Jesus' Lordship Matters

Jesus regularly made it clear that the people who hear and obey His teachings are His disciples (cf. Luke 6:46-49; 11:27-28). It is impossible for someone to be a Christian while consistently living in a way that denies the profession of his or her mouth (cf. Jn. 3:36; 1 Jn. 2:3-6). A Christian's life will be increasingly governed by his or her relationship with Christ, and it will be increasingly evident to everyone else that this is the case (cf. Jn. 15:1ff).