

“But We See Jesus”

Introduction. To “see Jesus” is the perpetual need of the human race. The early church had a passion for holding up Jesus for all to see (Acts 5:42; 1 Corinthians 2:2; Galatians 3:1).

In Hebrews 2:6-9, the writer runs the gamut of Christ’s life, and it is necessary for us to see Him from start to finish and from beginning to end.

I. *We See Jesus In The Beginning*

- A. His birth was not the beginning of his existence. He existed with God in the beginning.
 - 1. During creation, Genesis 1:26 states that the Godhead consisted of more than one being. Jesus was one of those beings (John 1:1-2; 17:5).
 - 2. In John 8:56-58, Jesus infuriated the Jews and spurred their desire to kill Him by stating that He existed before Abraham.
 - 3. The New Testament affirms that Christ was equal with God and that He was the express image of God (John 14:9; Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3).
- B. His eternal nature forms the basis upon which He can perform the tasks designated to Him by the Father (Mark 2:7-11). He was more than just a man.

II. *We See Jesus As The Son Of Man*

- A. At His birth, He was made like His brethren in everything (Hebrews 2:17).
- B. He was born in poverty and lived in poverty (Luke 2:11-12, 22-24; 9:58).
- C. He was tempted as all men were (Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:15).
- D. He humbled Himself (Philippians 2:6-8).
- E. The term “Son of Man,” used 88 times in the New Testament, designates the special relationship of Jesus as the representative man.
 - 1. This was His favorite way of designating Himself and represented His humanity. He was more than an ethereal, untouchable God.
 - 2. But this description was not just an indication of His humanity. The “son of man” of Daniel 7:13 was considered a divine person (Mark 14:62-64).

III. *We See Jesus As Our Sacrifice*

- A. In all of human history, nothing equals the suffering of our Lord.
 - 1. He was despised and rejected (Isaiah 53:3).
 - 2. He was forsaken by His friends (Matthew 26:56).
 - 3. He was arrested and mocked (Matthew 27:28-30).

4. He died on the cross between two thieves (Matthew 27:38).
- B. All of this was done for you and me (Romans 5:8; Hebrews 2:9; 10:4-14).
- C. The world needs to see the drawing power of Jesus on the cross (John 3:14-15; 12:32).
- D. Christians need to see the staying power of Jesus on the cross (1 Corinthians 11:24-26).

IV. ***We See Jesus In His Resurrection***

- A. Of the many Messianic claimants, only one, Jesus of Nazareth, so impressed His disciples that He became their Messiah.
 1. It was not Jesus' life alone which proved beyond question that He was the Messiah. It was His resurrection. This was the greatest possible evidence for His authenticity.
 2. It was only when His disciples were convinced that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead that they were stunned into awareness that Jesus was the Christ.
- B. No other person in history has ever predicted in advance they would rise from the dead and then do it. Multiple facts surrounding the event contribute to the proof of His death and resurrection.
 1. The soldiers guarded the tomb to prevent deception (Matthew 27:63-66).
 2. They were bribed to lie about the empty tomb (Matthew 28:13-15).
 3. He rose from the dead on the third day (Matthew 28:1-7).
 4. He walked among men for 40 days and was seen, heard, and touched by His disciples multiple times (Acts 1:3; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8).
- C. In each of the gospels, Christ's resurrection is minutely described, and for 2,000 years it has been incapable of disproof despite the detailed scholarship of the world's best skeptics and greatest minds.

V. ***We See Jesus In His Exaltation***

- A. He entered His glory after His resurrection (Luke 24:25-26; Colossians 3:4).
- B. He received a name above every name (Philippians 2:9-10).
- C. He was made King of Kings and Lord of Lords (1 Timothy 6:15).
- D. He was made head of the church (Ephesians 1:20-23).
- E. He is seated at right hand of God (Hebrews 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22).
- F. He is now our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14).
- G. He is now our intercessor and mediator (Romans 8:34; 1 Timothy 2:5).

VI. ***We Will See Jesus As Our Judge***

- A. One day we will all see Jesus as our judge because God has appointed a day in which all will be judged according to His words and their works (John 12:48; Romans 2:6; 14:12).
- B. The scene is painted in Matthew 25:31-46 and Revelation 20:11-15 as a separation for the ungodly and a reward for the faithful.

Conclusion. John 20:29 says, "Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." Can you now see Jesus? Will you obey Him? You need to be ready for that day to come. If you are not, we can fix that right now as we offer this invitation.