

MEET YOUR KING PART 1



Jesus was the perfect man. But what kind of man (or human) was He? What things did He care about? What things did He not care about? Where or with whom did He spend His time? How did He respond or react to others? How did He come across to others? How did people view His words or the way He spoke?

Our investigation into the (human) person of Jesus has as its purpose not simply the gaining of knowledge, but more importantly, its *application through imitation*. We are commanded (in 1Co 15:1) to imitate our King. The reason? b/c imitation is the greatest expression of worship and adoration/love. IOW: we show our loyalty to Jesus best by our imitation of His humanity. It is in this way also that we imitate (and show loyalty) to God since, through His humanity, Jesus perfectly pictured or explained to us the character of God (Joh 1:18).

As a human, King Jesus:

1. Was careful to receive or act on anything as truth that could not be sufficiently supported in God's court of Law (Mat 19:16-17; Joh 8:2-11; Jam 4:11-12 w/5:9 = Our judgment of others needs to hold up in the king's court – otherwise we are guilty of condemning the law/Lawgiver; Mat 18:15-16 = Sufficient evidence eliminates sinful presumption/assumption; Jud 1:9 = Satan judged Moses based on presumption versus sufficient evidence. When we judge/accuse others of sin based on our assumptions we are imitating Satan not Jesus; sufficient evidence: evidence that agrees with Scripture and is beyond a reasonable doubt [no other reasonable explanation can be given]).

2. Did not care about the evil going on in the government only the evil going on in the covenant community (Luk 13:1-9; Luk 20:22-25 ["Caesar" = A king by force/foreign invasion versus election/choice now requiring those conquered pay honor/"tribute"]; Mat 17:24-27 = Jesus recognized the injustice in the earthly government of His day but didn't resist it or let it bother Him; Rom 13:1-7 ["honor" = This includes those in power we don't approve of]; e.g. Dan 6:21; 1Pe 2:17; Luk 21:34; 1Ti 2:1-3).

3. Had zero tolerance for sin in God's house (Joh 2:14-17; Mat 21:12-13; Rev 2:1-5 = The church's many acts of loyalty to Jesus did not cause him to overlook those things that were sin. Tolerance of sin in any area – no matter their intolerance in others, would result in their "lampstand" being removed -i.e. they would cease to be a community where Jesus' saving presence and power dwelt; 1Ti 3:14-15 w/: 1) heresy [1:3-5], 2) capital crime [1:18-20], 3) sovereign citizenship [2:8], 4) feminazis and female pastors [2:9-13], 5) unqualified leaders [3:1-12]).

4. Only fellowshiped with - or treated as family, those willing to do God's will (Mar 3:31-35; What His family thought about this behavior – Mar 3:20-21; Luk 10:25-37 = We treat as family only those who keep the Law [Exo 23:5]; 2Co 6:14-18).

CLOSING CONTEMPLATION: How are you doing in your imitation of our King? If the answer is "no so good", then good news! Today is the day of salvation! IOW: today is the day to repent of that and (again) make things right w/God.