

What Do WE Know About Jesus? (12)

Jesus and Attitudes

Our last bulletin we looked at Jesus' "Attitude towards His Heavenly Father", using that as a foundation let us direct our attention toward His attitude towards His fellowman. Paul quotes Jesus as saying, "then hath he said, Lo, I am come to do thy will. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second." (Hebrew 10:9) and then in John 6:38 "For I am come down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." Now let us extend this thought a little more, "For the Son of man came to seek and save that which was lost." Doesn't John 3:16 tell us something of His attitude toward His fellowman? ("For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.) Isn't this why the scriptures state "... (8) and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient {even} unto death, yea, the death of the cross... (Philippians 2:3-11). In John 13:4-17, we see Jesus washing His disciples' feet. Isn't Jesus practicing exactly the precepts that are given in the Scriptures (Philippians 2:3)? "{Let} nothing {be done} through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." (KJV). When Jesus gave the parable of the lost sheep (Matthew 18:11-14-"[For the Son of man came to save that which was lost.] (12) How think ye? if any man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and go unto the mountains, and seek that which goeth astray? (13) And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth over it more than over the ninety and nine which have not gone astray. (14) Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."), Doesn't this clearly show His attitude towards His fellow man? Any honest individual can see clearly that Jesus' attitude toward His fellow man wasn't words only! BUT OF ACTS! If Jesus, as a man, could do this, so can we! All of this would come under the subject of "LOVE" (Matthew 22:37-40 "And he said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (38) This is the great and first commandment. (39) And a second like {unto it} is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (40) On these two commandments the whole law hangeth, and the prophets." However, we need to see that it can really work! It worked for the man Jesus, and it will work for us.

Another aspect of Jesus' attitude here was His compassion. In Luke 7:13 "And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not." We see here how Jesus demonstrated His compassion for this weeping widow who had lost her only son, He urging her not to weep, raised that dead son. Yet, on another occasion, at the grave of Lazarus, "Jesus wept" with Mary (Jhn.11:35). Did not Jesus have feelings just as we do? Again, in Mark 8:2, we see Jesus' compassion on the multitude "I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat:". Look at Matthew 20:34 "And Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched their eyes; and straightway they received their sight, and followed him.", do you see Jesus' compassion for the blind? YES, Jesus really cared! Even here, it was not a compassion of words, but deeds! How do you think Jesus felt in all these cases? Did He not feel as we often do? SIMPLY PUT, does not Jesus, then, understand our feelings too? Sometimes, the difference between us and Jesus is not compassion, but the deeds that are driven by pure compassion! Therefore, let us follow His example and perform the necessary deeds required.