

Which Jesus do you Follow ?

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This is an important question and you need to get right. There are two different Jesus, the one the six mainstream Christian Churches follow is the wrong one. They follow the Jesus created by man. They do not follow the Jesus created by God.

There is a quick test that can be used to determine if you are following the true authentic Jesus, the one created by God, this will be given at the end. The Bible identifies the true Jesus, you just need to read the words in proper context and to be able to think.

Reading the Bible in proper context requires first to ask and answer three questions. The first is who is speaking, second is who is being spoken to and third what did it mean to that society in that period of time. The Bible was written by Jews and written to Jews and the Jews were following the Torah and in the New Testament they had a police force that arrested anyone found breaking the Torah. The Bible was not written to the Gentiles, it does however apply to all who take on Christ.

Examine the following scripture and see what it tells you.

Mar 8:34 And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, **Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

Do you follow Jesus ? Do you do what he shows you on how to walk ? Do you walk the same way as Jesus ? Jesus told us and showed us how to walk. We need to obey Jesus, the following two groups of scriptures tells us this.

Act 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

Act 3:23 And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

Deu 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Deu 18:16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

Deu 18:17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.

Deu 18:18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

Deu 18:19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

Those two sets of scriptures above give exactly the same message, they are one of the direct bridges that exist between the New and Old Testament. The word hearken or hear in Hebrew is *Shema*, it means to both **hear and obey**. The prophet that is raised up is Jesus. Notice that if you do not hear and obey Jesus, God will inflict a severe penalty upon you.

Another set of scriptures that are a bridge between the Old and New Testaments is the following.

Mar 12:29 And Jesus answered him, *The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:*

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

These scriptures tell us to *Shema* or to hear and obey the LORD our God. Jesus reinforced this in His answer above.

Going further the following scriptures tell us that we are told to love God.

Mar 12:30 *And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.*

Deu 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

So how do we show our love to God and to Jesus ?

Joh 14:15 *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

Joh 14:21 *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, *If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

Joh 14:24 *He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

We are to Love the Father and Jesus both. The words that come from Jesus are the same as those coming from the Father. Our act of love to Jesus and to the Father are carried out by our obedience to the commands that have been given to us.

Recognize neither Jesus nor the Father change, they are the same past, present and future. What they tell us does not change. What is given in the Old Testament is still required today and will be enforced upon man during the coming Millennium. This is all in the scriptures.

Do you really know what the following is saying ?

Luk 11:2 And he said unto them, *When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.*

What is God's Will ? It is going to be done on earth during the Millennium. Isaiah and Micah tell us this as well. Doing God's will is obeying his commands, obeying His Laws. The same Laws that are enforced in heaven. These laws will be enforced throughout the entire world during the Millennium, man no longer will be able to go his own way.

The following is given to us directly from Jesus.

Mat 5:17 *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*

Mat 5:18 *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

Mat 5:19 *Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

Those verses are full of meaning. First Mat 5:17 tells us **twice** that Jesus did not come to destroy, or remove, or do away with the Law. He came to fully teach us the Law, how we can walk in it. Next, Mat 5:18, Jesus tells us **All the Law** is in place until heaven and earth pass away and until all is fulfilled. Scripture tells us that heaven and earth do pass away at the final judgment. All prophecy is fulfilled at the second resurrection and final judgment. Mat 5:19 tells us anyone breaking one of the least of the commandments in the Law will be least in the final resurrection and the kingdom of heaven.

In case your in doubt of Mat 5:18, Jesus reinforces heaven and earth passing away.

Mat 24:35 *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*

If you know your Bible, you will know what the word "Law" means. It means ALL the laws given to Moses, it is the Decalogue or Pentateuch, these are the first five books of the Bible. In Hebrew the word Law is *Torah*. It means more than law, it is instruction that shows us God's way, or the truth of God, it is the roadmap we are to follow in order to grow and mature as God's children. Keeping the Law is walking forward and not sinning.

In Mat 5:18 Jesus Himself has told us the Torah is to be kept and followed. Included in the Torah are the Holy Days of God and the Judgments and much more.

Did Jesus keep the Torah ? Indeed he did, He walked in it completely and showed us how we are to walk. When we follow a person we walk as they walk, we emulate the way they show us. Jesus kept the 7th day Sabbath and reinforced keeping it in scriptures, if you can read in proper context you will see this. Jesus kept the Holy Days. Jesus fulfilled the Holy Day of the spring harvest of first fruits after His resurrection. Yes it is there in scripture.

Do you follow Jesus ? Do you hear and obey Jesus ? Do you walk the way Jesus showed us ? If you do, then you keep the Sabbath as it was originally given, you keep the Holy Days and much more. If you do this, you follow the authentic Jesus. If you say you follow Jesus and do not do these things, then you follow a Jesus created by man.

What does **man** say about his created Jesus. First he tells you Jesus did everything and you do not need to do anything. He tells you the Torah was done away with which means you do not need to keep the 7th day Sabbath, nor keep the Holy Days. He tells you everything was nailed to the cross. He tells you that much of scripture only applied to the Jews. He tells you that only applied to those on the land in Israel. He tells you that was done away with. He tells you that was only in the past. He tells you that the Church has replaced the Jews. He tells you once saved always saved. He tells you that you do not have to do works as you are saved by grace. He tells you Jesus understands if you compromise as long as your heart is right. None of what man he tells you is supported by scripture, just the opposite, scripture is clear on how you are to obey both Jesus and God and how to walk. Jesus came first as the Suffering Servant, next he comes as the Conquering King. In the Old Testament at Mount Sinai, Jesus was the one that killed 14,700 with a plague because of Korah. If you do not know this, one must wonder how you read the Bible. There are over 30 verses in New Testament scripture, that tell us of the active role of Jesus throughout the Old Testament, as mediator for the Father. Be careful how you view Jesus, He judges all equally.

Ezekiel tells us one is saved under a conditional promise, if you are sinning when you die the conditional salvation promise is broken.

Consider the following scriptures on judgment.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, **according to their works.**

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man **according to their works.**

Yes, everyone at the second resurrection is judged by their works. Judged by how they walked according to God's way or according to the way of the world.

What is sin ? It is defined for us in the following scripture.

1Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Sin is defined for us by God, it is walking outside the Law, outside the Torah. It is walking in lawlessness, it is walking in iniquity. Look at what Jesus tells us about those walking in iniquity.

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Mat 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

Mat 13:40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

Mat 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and **them which do iniquity**;

Mat 13:42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

What does repent mean ? Is it a one time event ? It is defined for us by Jesus. Consider the following.

Luk 5:32 I came not to call the righteous, but **sinner**s to repentance.

Luk 13:1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Luk 13:2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were **sinner**s above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

Luk 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luk 13:4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were **sinner**s above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

Luk 13:5 I tell you, Nay: but, **except ye repent**, ye shall all likewise perish.

What Jesus is telling us is that repentance is tied to sin, and sin is walking outside of God's Laws. Repentance is where a person changes in how they walk forward, walking no longer in sin. It is leaving the old person behind and becoming a new person in their walk forward. This requires leaving old sinful habits behind and forming new righteous habits as one continues through life. This is told to us in a parable by Jesus.

Luk 5:36 And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was *taken* out of the new agreeth not with the old.

Luk 5:37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.

In fact Jesus tells us that initially one likes the old way of walking in sin, rather than the new way of walking in righteousness. Again through the use of a parable.

Luk 5:39 No man also having drunk old *wine* straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

The seriousness of walking in sin brings with it eternal consequences so great, that Jesus uses a similitude to reinforce how serious this way forward is.

Mar 9:43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

Mar 9:44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Repent means the same as **returning** back to God, walking in His way. This means in order to repent one must walk forward and no longer sin. That means one must walk in the Torah for sin is defined by the Torah. Repent is not a one time action, it is a continuous manner of walking forward through the remainder of your life right up to the end. We need God's help in order to do this.

A person that walks forward in breaking any of God's laws sins. At that point their repentance is nullified; it is no longer in effect. Thus repentance is a continuous action, if you fall, get up, repent again, and walk forward properly again. Those that follow the Jesus created by man walk forward in sin. They do not satisfy God's requirement of repentance. They walk outside the Torah.

Those that say they follow Jesus and do not emulate the manner Jesus walked, they lie. They follow a different Jesus, a Jesus that man created, and they do not follow the Jesus of the Bible.

Those that say the Torah was done away with, are ignoring what Jesus has told us about the Torah, they walk in sin. They walk in iniquity.

The test to identify these people walking down the wrong path is easy to apply. Do they keep the 7th day Sabbath and do they also keep the Holy Days of God. There is much more, but those two ways of walking identifies those, who do or do not walk in repentance.

At present, the choice is always one of a person's free will, either follow the authentic Jesus or follow the crowd. The crowd cannot all be wrong, or can they? They were in Noah's time. Today's time is told to us that it is just like Noah's time. Choose carefully, as where you spend eternity depends upon it.

Obey God, not man. Hear and obey Jesus as there is only one name to salvation.
