

THE UNIQUENESS OF LORD JESUS

This morning I want to talk about a person that changed my life totally. I find him to be the most unique person that ever lived in history – and here’s why I say that?

The Nature of His Birth:

Lord Jesus had the most unique birth in all history. His birth was accurately prophesied or foretold hundreds of years before. Just listen to these scriptures: "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

Can a virgin conceive a baby? Impossible! But it happened exactly as it was foretold by the prophet Isaiah. Hundreds of years later, a virgin called Mary conceived after responding to the call of God and Lord Jesus was born.

Even the place where He would be born was prophesied: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." (Micah 5:2) And guess what, Lord Jesus was born in Bethlehem exactly as it was prophesied. These are not mere coincidences but go on to show the uniqueness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

His Life:

His life was a life marked with power. Lord Jesus performed many unique miracles that no one in history has done. The Bible records in John 11, there was a man called Lazarus who was dead for 4 days, his body might have been in a stinking condition by then, yet the Lord Jesus Christ raised him from the dead. All the Jews saw him. This miracle was not done behind close doors but openly for all to see. John 12:17 tells us, "Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness."

Not only did Lord Jesus walk in power but His entire life was sinless and pure. Luke 23 tells us, one day some of Lord Jesus’ enemies brought some false allegations against Him. Pilate who was in charge of the Roman judiciary pronounced, "I find no fault with this man." Pilate was no fool to say that. Some people to stay holy and pure go and sit on mountains leaving their families. Lord Jesus did not go and sit on any mountain, he lived among His own people and yet He lived a pure, sinless and holy life marked with power and miracles.

His Teachings:

The Bible records in John 7:45-46, One day some of Lord Jesus’ enemies sent Roman soldiers to get Him arrested. However when the officers heard the teaching of Lord Jesus, they replied, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"

Today, in this world man is killing man in the name of religion and God. However, Lord Jesus taught his disciples to forgive. Lord Jesus’ teachings even touched our very own Father of the nation – Shri Mahatma Gandhi. As you all know the foundation for the Satyagraha movement in India was the teachings of Lord Jesus Christ. That brought us freedom from the slavery of the British Empire. This shows that Christ’s teachings are still relevant and unique. I firmly believe that if every Indian embraces the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ, India will soon become a super power in the world.

His Death:

Even the death of Lord Jesus was unique. I don't say this because He was crucified but it was prophesied in great detail hundreds of years ago.

Psalms 22:16-17 tells us in great detail how Christ Jesus would be crucified, how he would be nailed, how the soldiers would cast lots for His clothing. People of God, I want you to understand something. This prophecy was written when crucifixion was not even practised in Palestine and yet it happened exactly as it was written.

When Lord Jesus died on the cross there were certain events that took place that secular historians also validate. Mark 15:33 says, "from 12pm till 3pm there was total darkness all over Jerusalem" There was an earthquake, the thick temple curtain which Jewish historians say would require many men to tear apart was torn from the top to the bottom.

Can I tell you something more? Matthew 27:54 tells us, "So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!" Just imagine a hardened man of war making that statement. So you see even the death of Lord Jesus Christ was unique.

His Resurrection:

In this world there have been many wonderful religious teachers and philosophers and I respect them for their contributions to society. However, none of them have risen from their grave or has ever claimed to have done so. Lord Jesus' resurrection is not some fairy tale but has solid evidence.

Evidence No.1 – The Empty Tomb

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. (John 20:1)

Now some people say, that Lord Jesus never rose from the dead. His disciples simply stole the body from the tomb. This statement has no basis since the tomb was guarded by war hardened Roman soldiers. The disciples who ran just looking at the Roman soldiers when Lord Jesus was alive, do you think they had enough guts to come back and steal his dead body.

Evidence No.2 – Living Witnesses

The Bible says, in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, hundreds of people saw the Lord Jesus Christ after His resurrection. In the year 1997, I had attended a conference just like this. In that conference a mighty servant of God had prophesied that I would see the Lord Jesus Christ soon. I really did not believe it. I was on a secular job in those days, as a habit I would get up at 5 o'clock for prayer. At around that time I saw the ceiling open and a tall dazzling man stand up before me. In my ignorance I asked Him who He was. He replied with a smile, "I am Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Almighty God." By the resurrection of Jesus Christ God proved the value of His Son's death for mankind.

From all this you can see that Lord Jesus Christ was and is the most unique person in history. Do you know why He is unique? John 1:14 says, He was God who became flesh and dwelt among us.

There was, is and there will be no one like Him ever. Will you accept this unique Jesus into your heart? Will you make Him the Lord of your life?