

Behold The Man

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There's a serious question facing every accountable being:
Who is Jesus Christ? Dreamer? Schemer? Or The Son of God?

Our eternal destiny depends on the right answer.

Therefore we need to examine Him carefully;
Pilate did, and then spoke three words which suggest so much.

- “Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, **Behold the man!**” ([Jn.19:5](#))

...which will be the title of the lesson.

We should, “Behold the Man”,

I. Earlier, Before Jesus Came to Pilate

A. See His spotless character, and sinless conduct

- “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but **was in all points tempted** like as we are, yet **without sin.**” ([Heb.4:15](#))

B. Behold Him as the Man of power

Jesus said in [Matt.28:18](#), that,

- “**All POWER is given unto Me, in heaven and in earth.**”

His Divine Power was, even **OVER** nature.

- “the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that **even the winds and the sea OBEY Him!**” ([Matt.8:27](#))

His Power, was **OVER** disease and spiritual forces.

The Bible says in [Matt.4:24](#), that,

- “His fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and **He healed them.**”

Jesus has Power **OVER** death.

[Lk.7:11-15](#) reads,

- “And it came to pass the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and much people.
¹² Now when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, **there was a dead man** carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

¹³ And when the Lord saw her, **He had compassion on her**, and said unto her, Weep not.
¹⁴ And **He came and touched the bier** (or coffin): and they that bare him (or bearers), stood still. And He said, **Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.** ¹⁵ And **he that was dead sat up, and began to speak.** And **He delivered him to his mother.**” (that's, [Lk.7:11-15](#))

We should,

C. Behold the God-Man

He is Lord, Creator, and Ruler; Who Laid aside His heavenly glory, to put on human flesh.

[Phil.2:6-8](#) reads,

- “Who, being in the **FORM of God** (that is, He had a spiritual body), thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
⁷ but **MADE** Himself of no reputation, and **TOOK** upon Him the **FORM of a servant** (that is, a fleshly body), and **was MADE** in the likeness of men: ⁸ and **being found in fashion as a man, He HUMBLED** Himself, and **became OBEDIENT** unto death, even the death of the cross.”

The God-Man gave up His heavenly spiritual body, for a fleshly body,

So that He could die for you, and for me, But He did NOT relinquish His God-Head.

- God the Father, said unto the Son, “Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom.

⁹ Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows.

¹⁰ And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning, hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands:

¹¹ they shall perish; but Thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

¹² and as a vesture shalt Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed:

but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.” ([Heb.1:8-12](#))

Jesus wasn't a helpless victim.

We are told in [Jn.18:4-6](#) that,

- “Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? ⁵ They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am He. And Judas also, which betrayed Him, stood with them.
⁶ As soon then, as He had said unto them, I am He, they went backward, and fell to the ground.” ([Jn.18:4-6](#))
- In the days of old, our Lord prophesied of Himself, saying, I, “**GAVE** my back to the smiters, and My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair:
I hid **NOT** My face, from shame and spitting.” ([Isa.50:6](#))

In the flesh, our Lord said,

- “My Father **LOVES** Me, because **I LAY DOWN** My life, that I might **TAKE** it again.
¹⁸ **NO** man taketh it from Me, but **I LAY** it **DOWN** of Myself.
I have POWER to lay it down, and **I have POWER** to take it again.
This commandment have I received of My Father.” ([Jn.10:17-18](#))

We need to acknowledge Him, NOT just as teacher and for His good deeds, But

D. Acknowledge Him as The Son of God, The Creator, The Sustainer, and Judge

...or die in our sins.

- Jesus said, “that ye shall **DIE** in your sins:
for **IF** ye believe **NOT** that **I AM**, ye shall **DIE** in your sins.” ([Jn.8:24](#))

I suggest, that the phrase “I AM” takes us back to the scene of the burning bush in [Exodus 3:13-14](#), When Moses asked God, His Name, and God said, “**I AM**, that **I AM**”.

II. His Condition In Pilate's Presence

Look at Him with

A. bloodsoaked garments, a beaten face, and a crown of thorns pressed on His brow

Notice with me, the lengthy reading from [Jn.19:1-11](#).

- “Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him.
² And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe, ³ and said, Hail, King of the Jews! (...mocking Him), and they smote Him with their hands.

⁴ Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring Him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in Him.
⁵ Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!

⁶ When the chief priests therefore and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye Him, and crucify Him: for I find no fault in Him.

⁷ The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.
⁸ When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;
⁹ and went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art Thou?

But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Then saith Pilate unto Him, Speakest Thou NOT unto me? Knowest Thou not, that I have power to crucify Thee, and have power to release Thee?

¹¹ Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against Me, except it were given thee from Above: therefore he that delivered Me unto thee, hath the greater sin.” ([Jn.19:1-11](#))

B. Pilate beheld Him, and saw truth

Jesus said to the Jews (who were seeking to kill Him),

- “Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak Truth, why do you not believe Me?
⁴⁷ The one who is OF God, HEARS the Words of God; for this reason you do NOT hear them, because you are NOT of God.” ([Jn.8:46-47](#) NASB)

Pilate Knew of His innocence, and Wished His release. ([Jn.19:4](#)),
But the Jews Chose Caesar, and Rejected The Lord of All.

The Bible reads in [Jn.19:12-16](#),

- “from thenceforth Pilate sought to release Him:
but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend:
whosoever maketh himself a king, speaketh against Cæsar.

¹³ When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat, in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gab-batha.
¹⁴ And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! ¹⁵ But they cried out, Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him.

Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar. ¹⁶ Then delivered he Him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led Him away.” (that's, [Jn.19:12-16](#))

C. The Pharisees beheld Him, and lied without shame.

The Jews deliberately closed their eyes, to the works of Jesus.

The Bible says,

- “many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are **NOT** written in this book: ³¹ but these are written, that ye might BELIEVE that Jesus **IS** the Christ, the Son **OF** God; and that believing, ye might HAVE LIFE through His Name.” ([Jn.20:30-31](#))

Sadly, the Jews stopped their ears, to His Truth.

- “for this people’s **HEART** is waxed gross, and their **EARS** are dull of hearing, and their **EYES** they have closed; lest at any time they should **SEE** with their eyes, and **HEAR** with their ears, and should **UNDERSTAND** with their heart, and should be **CONVERTED**, and I should **HEAL** them.” ([Matt.13:15](#))

Each person today, must look and draw some conclusion about,

D. One, so shamefully Mistreated that day.

E. Would “WE” behold Him, as He really is?

The Bible says in [Jn.12:20-21](#), that,

- “there were certain Greeks among them, that came up to worship, at the feast: ²¹ the same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and **DESIRED Him**, saying, Sir, **we would SEE Jesus.**”

Follow Him, and Behold the Man,

III. On Calvary's Tree

A. Many do not recognize the suffering Servant (from phrophecy)

- “He is **DESPISED** and **REJECTED** of men; a man **OF sorrows**, and acquainted with **GRIEF**: and we **HID**, as it were, our faces FROM Him; He was **DESPISED**, and we esteemed Him NOT.” ([Isa.53:3](#))

B. BEHOLD Him, as He spoke seven times, and HEAR HIM:

1. He Spoke, the Word of **FORGIVENESS**, in [Lk.23:34a](#),
 - He said, “Father, **FORGIVE** them; for they know NOT what they **DO.**”
Jesus carried no resentment, and had no desire for revenge.
2. He Spoke, the Word of **PROMISE**, in [Lk.23:42-43](#),
 - The thief said “unto Jesus, **Lord**, remember me, when thou comest into Thy kingdom.
⁴³ And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee,
To day, shalt thou be WITH Me, IN Paradise.”

As a side note... Some today, wish to be saved like the thief, but they cannot.

- “For where a testament is, there must also of necessity, be the death of the testator.
¹⁷ For a testament is of force after men are dead:
otherwise it is of no strength at all, while the testator liveth.” (read [Heb.9:16-17](#)).

3. **Jesus Spoke, the Word of CONCERN for His Mother**, in [Jn.19:26-27](#),
- “When Jesus therefore **saw His mother**, and **the disciple standing by**, whom He loved, He saith unto His mother, Woman, **behold thy son!**
27 Then saith He to the disciple, **Behold thy mother!**
And from that hour, **that disciple took her unto his own home.**” ([Jn.19:26-27](#))

...Which demonstrates that spiritual kin, is more significant than fleshly ties.

4. **Jesus Spoke, the Word of SPIRITUAL DESOLATION**, in [Matt.27:46](#),
- “about the ninth hour **Jesus cried with a loud voice**, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sa-bach-thani? that is to say, **My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?**”

Jesus was abandoned, so **WE** might not experience eternal hell fire.

We may not fully understand, but we can be moved in awe, wonder, and love.

5. **Jesus Spoke, the Word of PHYSICAL AGONY**, in [Jn.19:28](#),
- “After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, **I thirst.**”

This shows He died as a real human being in the flesh, The God-Man.

6. **Jesus Spoke, the Word of TRIUMPH**, in [Jn.19:30](#),
- “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, **It is finished**: and He bowed His head, and gave up the Spirit.” ([Jn.19:30](#))

Atonement, made salvation possible.

- “we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the **SUFFERING** of death, **CROWNED** with glory and honour; that He **BY** the grace of God, should **TASTE** death for every man.” ([Heb.2:9](#))

His offering, was of infinite value.

- “For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.” ([Heb.10:4](#))
- “By the which **WILL**, we are **SANCTIFIED**, through the **OFFERING** of the body of Jesus Christ **ONCE** for **ALL**.” ([Heb.10:10](#))

7. **Jesus Spoke, the Word of ASSURANCE**, in [Lk.23:46](#),

- “when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, **Father, INTO Thy Hands, I commend My Spirit**: and having said thus, He gave up the Spirit.”

He didn't fight against death;

He Calmly bowed His Head ([Jn.19:30](#)), and Gave Himself up ([Lk.23:46](#)).

- He “**GAVE** Himself for **OUR** sins, that He might **DELIVER** us, **FROM** this present evil world, **ACCORDING** to the **WILL** of God and our Father.” ([Gal.1:4](#))

C. His conduct, with darkness and signs, made A PROFOUND impression.

The Bible says in [Mk.15:39](#),

- “when the centurion, which stood over against Him, saw that He so cried out, and gave up the Spirit, he said, **Truly this Man WAS, the Son of God.**” ([Mk.15:39](#))

How does this all, affect us?

Behold the Man NOW with,

IV. Love and Power to Save us.

A. Why Did Jesus Exchange Heaven, for Hatred and Suffering?

John said to Jesus,

- “Behold the Lamb of God, which **TAKETH AWAY the SIN of the WORLD.**” ([Jn.1:29](#))

B. For this, He ascended

- “and it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall CALL on the NAME of the Lord, shall be SAVED.**” ([Acts 2:21](#))
- [2Thess.2:14](#) says that we are **CALLED** by the **gospel**.

By Inspiration, Peter told the Jews who crucified Jesus, to,

- “**REPENT, and be BAPTIZED** every one of you, in the **NAME** of Jesus Christ, **for the REMISSION of sins,** and ye shall **RECEIVE** the **GIFT** of the Holy Spirit.” ([Acts 2:38](#))
- “**BY His Own blood,** He entered in **ONCE** into the holy place, having **OBTAINED eternal REDEMPTION for US.**” ([Heb.9:12](#))
- “Wherefore He is able also to **SAVE** them to the uttermost, that **COME** unto God by Him, seeing He **EVER LIVETH,** to make intercession for them.” ([Heb.7:25](#))

C. Behold Him Who is King

- “Pilate therefore said unto Him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. **To this end was I BORN, and for this cause CAME I into the world,** that I should bear witness unto the Truth. Every one that is **OF the Truth, HEARETH My Voice.**” ([Jn.18:37](#))

His Kingship, didn't come with outward pomp and splendor.

- Because Jesus said, His, “**kingdom is NOT of this world:** If My kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is My kingdom **NOT** from hence.” ([Jn.18:36](#))

The kingdom of Christ is spiritual, And made up of submissive hearts.

D. Pilate and the Pharisees beheld the Man, then Rejected Him:

What about Us?

E. Behold Him, as One Who DIED for YOU, and for ME?

It was prophesied in days of old, that,

- “He was **WOUNDED**, for **OUR** transgressions,
He was **BRUISED**, for **OUR** iniquities:
the chastisement of **OUR** peace, was **upon Him**;
and **WITH His STRIPES**, we are **HEALED**.” ([Isa.53:5](#))

F. Be wise: Do NOT make the same FATAL mistake, as Pilate and the Pharisees.

- What will **you DO**, with Jesus?
Neutral, you cannot **BE!**

Someday your heart, will be asking,
"What will **He DO**, with **ME**?"

V. IN-CONCLUSION

Jesus the Christ was 100% God, and 100% Human at the same time.
His body was human flesh, but His spirit was eternal God.

Jesus, a perfect Man and Eternal God,
was beaten, humiliated, and killed in the flesh, for MY sins and YOURS,
that we might escape slavery to sin, and eternal damnation.

He wants to be your Savior and mine.

- He said, “**COME** unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will **GIVE** you **REST**.” ([Matt.11:28](#))

If you have a spiritual NEED, won't you COME,

- **Believing** ([Jn.8:24](#); [Heb.11:6](#); [Acts 8:37](#)),
- **Repenting** ([Lk.13:3](#); [Acts 17:30](#); [2Pet.3:9](#); [1Jn.1:9](#); [Jn.8:11](#)),
- **Confessing** ([Acts 8:37](#); [Matt.10:32-33](#); [Rom.10:9-10](#)),
- **Be Baptized INTO Christ** ([Gal.3:26-27](#); [Rom.6:3-5](#); [Mk.16:16](#); [1Pet.3:21](#); [Acts 22:16](#))
...Where **ALL** “**spiritual blessings**” exist ([Eph.1:3](#))
- And Remain **Faithful** ([Rev.2:10](#)), or **Endure** until the end ([Matt.24:13](#))?

Don't Delay, Please COME, as TOGETHER we Stand and Sing.

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