

Life & Teachings of Jesus

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Life & Teachings of Jesus (NT3)

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Sin and Its Remedy

1. Jesus as savior.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 26:28-29

The Jewish people had trouble accepting Jesus as Messiah because they expected the Messiah to defeat and drive off their oppressors. Their mistake was that they thought the Romans were the oppressors, when in fact it was sin & the Devil.

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2. What our sins meant to Jesus.

Jesus deals with sin as something concrete and practical, not abstract and speculative. It is a disease for which a cure is needed.

Jesus was the first to reveal the true inwardness of sin. (The Pharisees focused entirely on external sins of the flesh, but Jesus dealt with pride, lust, hate, etc. – the sins that are even worse than sins of the flesh.)

And in addition to sin as a breaking of the law, Jesus also revealed it as a breaking of a heart – an offense to the God who loves us.

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3. The consequences of sin.

Jesus acknowledged that sins are often visited with outward penalties, *“just as a wheel in a piece of machinery punishes itself when it gets out of gear.”* (Charles Kingsley) We often must lie in the beds that are made by our sins.

But sin also has inward, more dire results:

- a bad conscience (Luke 15:21)
- an enslaved will (Luke 4:18; John 8:34)
- a hardened heart
- loss of fellowship with God (Matt. 5:8)
- consequences to others (Luke 20:47)
- Judgment (Matt. 25:46)

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4. The remedy for sin.

The remedy for sin was and is forgiveness, reconciliation to God, restoring of lost relationship.

This is why Jesus came to us. Jesus is the centerpiece of God's plan for forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus not only proclaimed forgiveness; he embodied it.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. 2 Cor. 5:19

Jesus' declaration of forgiveness was affirmed and completed in his own death on the cross.