

# The Life of Jesus

Sermon Series: *It Is Finished!*

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## Introduction

**Jesus deserves a hard, long, and honest consideration because...**

A. Jesus is one of the most influential people in human history.

i. Every historian agrees.

ii. Christianity is the world's biggest religion including over 2 billion people from all over the world.

B. Jesus made astounding claims and promises.

## #1 Jesus fulfilled PROPHECY.

[Matthew 5:17](#) NKJV

- Some say there are 332 prophecies concerning the Messiah in Scripture.
- Peter Stoner, who was chairman of the Departments of Mathematics and Astronomy at Pasadena City College until 1953, did the math and found that any one person had a 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 chance of fulfilling just 8 of the messianic prophecies.
- Jesus's fulfillment of prophecy provides overwhelming evidence that God is real and Jesus is the Savior of the world.

## #2 Jesus fulfilled the LAW.

- God, as the loving creator and just ruler of the world, has designed humans to live according to his life giving rules in order to maximize human flourishing.
- All humans are born with a God given moral compass that enables them to determine right from wrong.
- God's laws were a gift because they came from a loving God and defined what was best for his people. [Psalm 19:7–10](#)
- Romans 8:3 tells us that the problem wasn't with the law but with people.
- Sin is breaking the law of God and sin, [Romans 6:23](#) tells us, brings forth death.
- We have all used our God given free will to disobey God. [Romans 3:23](#)

- We are the problem that needs to be stamped out. And that is our fate because God is a just and loving God, and therefore, he must do away with people that are committed to destroying themselves, others, and his creation.
- All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and have earned physical and eternal death...except for one person...Jesus!
- Jesus's disciples, who spent day and night with Jesus for three years, described Jesus as without sin. [1 Peter 2:21–22](#)
- Even Jesus's enemies couldn't find fault with him.
- The Roman Governor Pilate, who eventually succumbed to the pressure of the crowds and ordered Jesus's death, found him innocent as well. [Luke 23:22](#)
- Jesus was even obedient to God all the way through his excruciating death. [Philippians 2:8](#)
- Jesus perfectly obeyed God and therefore perfectly fulfilled the law and therefore earned not eternal death but eternal life.
- Jesus came and perfectly obeyed God's law so that his perfect obedience could be ours. [Romans 5:19](#)
- Christ's perfect obedience, his perfect performance record, his perfect resume, his perfect righteousness comes to us as a gift that we receive by faith! [Romans 3:21-22](#)
- Faith is trusting and relying on Christ's perfect performance record to make you right with God because you realize that your own performance record can't do it.
- If we appear before God with our performance record in hand, we will receive what our performance record earned and that's eternal death. But if we appear before God with Christ's performance record in hand through faith, we will get what Christ's perfect performance record earned and that's eternal life. [2 Corinthians 5:10](#)
- Jesus gives true rest. [Matthew 11:28–30](#)

### **#3 Jesus learned OBEDIENCE.**

- Through his suffering, Jesus moved from untested obedience to tested and proven obedience. [Hebrews 5:7–8](#)
- Jesus can relate to us. He can comfort us. He has gone what we have gone through. [Hebrews 4:15](#)
- Jesus is not only a high priest that can sympathize with us because he has experienced what we experience, he can also empower us to overcome whatever we are going through because he was tempted as we were and yet was without sin!

### **#4 Jesus perfectly REVEALED God.**

- God is so full of truth and righteousness that he won't let the guilty go unpunished and yet so full of grace that he sent his Son to take on your punishment so that he could punish your sin without punishing you.

## Discussion Questions:

1. If you are not a Christian, what do you do with this evidence? How do you account for it? How do you explain it?
2. If you are a Christian, does this evidence bolster your faith? Why or Why not? In what ways have you experienced sin bring the stuff of death into your life?
3. Why can't God turn a blind eye to sin?
4. How do you feel when you consider the fact that Jesus never sinned in thought, word, or deed?
5. Have you received Jesus's perfect obedience through faith? If yes, what events led you to this decision? If not, what barriers are in the way?
6. How does receiving Jesus's perfect obedience through faith bring a person true rest?
7. Share a time when you were hurting and Jesus brought you comfort and enabled you to overcome the hurt.
8. Why is it so important that God is full of grace AND truth?
9. We don't naturally extend grace and truth to others, but rather, have a tendency to emphasize one or the other. In your relationships, what comes most naturally to you...extending grace or extending truth?