

Jesus Was Unique



in His Character

Character



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- ✧ Jesus was absolutely unique in history for his Godly character, expressed from before human history, “before Abraham was I Am”.
- ✧ Jesus had a sinless character, reflecting the character of almighty God, for Jesus did not have the character or the sin of Adam.
- ✧ *1Co 15:47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.*
- ✧ *1Co 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.*

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- ❧ There is no comparison between the character of mere men and the character of Christ
- ❧ Let's do a quick review of the character of man, the **rebel**
- ❧ *Psa 14:1 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. The fool has said in his heart, " There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.*
- ❧ *Psa 14:2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.*
- ❧ *Psa 14:3 They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.*

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- ❧ Eph 2:1 *And you He made alive, who were **dead** in trespasses and sins,*
- ❧ Eph 2:2 *in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,*
- ❧ Eph 2:3 *among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of **wrath**, just as the others.*
- ❧ Isa 64:6 *But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.*

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- ❧ *Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,*
- ❧ *Gal 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,*
- ❧ *Gal 5:21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*
- ❧ *The character of humanity is nothing to brag about. Our sinfulness is even announced by Hollywood, where aliens look at humans and state “we have no need to destroy them, the humans will kill themselves”*

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- ❧ Don't get too depressed about this because God has already begun breaking this by giving us a new nature, the nature of Christ.
- ❧ *2Pe 1:4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*
- ❧ *2Pe 1:5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,*
- ❧ *2Pe 1:6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,*

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- ❧ *2Pe 1:7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.*
- ❧ *2Pe 1:8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- ❧ *2Pe 1:9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.*
- ❧ *All of these are character traits of the divine nature, character traits which Jesus expressed.*

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- ✧ Jesus began, instead of being a rebel, by being submissive and obedient.
- ✧ *Joh 8:29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."*
- ✧ The Father himself confirmed this
- ✧ *Mat 3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.*
- ✧ *Mat 3:17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

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- ❧ Let's review the character list again given by Peter
- ❧ *2Pe 1:5 faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love.*
- ❧ This represents a workup toward love but let's examine the fruit of the Spirit in our lives
- ❧ *Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*
- ❧ *Gal 5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*
- ❧ *Gal 5:24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*
- ❧ *Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

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- ❧ Where these character traits are goals to aspire to, Jesus already had and walked in them.
- ❧ Jesus had a lot of enemies, yet not one of them left a record of any sin that Jesus had committed, other than the accused sin of claiming to be the Son of God.
- ❧ There is no record from the followers of Jesus of any sin to be laid against His Name.
- ❧ Had Jesus been a mere man, His sin would have found Him out. Only the true Son of God could not just preach, but actually live the very character of God.

Judgments



- ❧ There are those, in their depraved state, who lay charges against God and lift their own faulty sense of moral judgment and righteousness above God's
- ❧ Interestingly, it always comes as an attack on God's judgment for sin. There are two main criticisms:
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 2. Why would a loving God send people to hell? (while I would let in everyone but the very worst)

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This is simple. God saw the wickedness of the nations and, after giving them chances for hundreds of years, knew that this could not be allowed to spread.

God also judged Israel when they sinned, using various nations to invade and plunder them

God has a different view of the spread of Sin from you.

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2. Why would a loving God send people to hell?
(while I would let in everyone but the very worst)

Again, the sinner has NO PROBLEM with sin and the spread of it is of no concern

God, on the other hand, does not want His own home stained again with the sin Satan had begun

God wants sin to end for eternity, not to drag on forever

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- ❧ *Rev 21:27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.*
- ❧ *Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.*
- ❧ *Rev 22:15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.*
- ❧ *Rev 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

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- ❧ *Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.*
- ❧ *Rev 21:4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*
- ❧ *Rev 22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.*
- ❧ *We don't get this kind of place to live forever if we were to follow the judgments of the ungodly who criticize God.*

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- ❧ *Exo 21:1 "Now these are the judgments which you shall set before them:*
- ❧ **Do we follow the judgments of wicked men or the Lord?**
- ❧ *Psa 19:9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.*
- ❧ *Psa 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*
- ❧ *Psa 19:11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.*

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- ❧ *The judgments expressed in the Old Testament are just as true and Holy and the judgments made by Jesus in the New Testament. They are one in the same, with this exception:*
- ❧ *With Jesus came grace and mercy in a new and living way by faith instead of works*
- ❧ *The judgments are there in the New Testament as well as the old, (Revelation) but there is much more opportunity to repent and believe in the New Testament.*
- ❧ *Jesus is indeed the Son of God and His judgments are true.*
- ❧ *Joh 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*