

Consider Him

Hebrews 3:1 Consider Christ Jesus

Hebrews 12:3 Consider him who endured such contradiction of sinners

Why, what evil hath he done? (Mark 15:6-14)

Consider his birth:

Have you ever thought about how the Son of God came into this world?

The Lord of heaven (1 Corinthians 15:47) humbled himself (Philippians 2:8) and came in the likeness of sinful flesh (Hebrews 2:14), born unto two common ordinary people. He was born in a small town called Bethlehem (house of bread) and the scripture says when he was born, he was wrapped in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger (a box used to hold food for animals) because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:5-7).

Mary and Joseph were denied a place in an inn, even though those people knew Mary was in labor, they denied them a place to stay, so she had to give birth to mankind's salvation in a place that was used to house animals. What an entrance into the world for the King of kings and Lord of lords! Who would have expected that! Yet, that is how the Father saw fit to send his beloved Son into the world. Quietly, softly, God manifest in the flesh was born into this world, only revealed to a few.

Consider his childhood:

The scripture commands us to honour thy father and thy mother (Exodus 20:12)

Jesus Christ was subject to his mother and Joseph (Luke 2:51). How about that? The King of heaven subjects himself to a man and woman he created. You think Joseph and Mary ever made mistakes as parents? They sure did. We read about them forgetting about Jesus and leaving him in Jerusalem for over a day. Yet he was still subject to them in all things. What an amazing thing?

Consider his Work:

The scripture commands us to work (2 Thessalonians 3:10)

Before he started his ministry at the age of 30, he worked as a carpenter, which was Joseph's business (Mark 6:3). He knows what it's like to work for a living. He didn't sit around and do nothing for 30 years; he worked as a carpenter. Now, people don't go to college to become a carpenter, and they didn't back then. That means the Lord Jesus Christ held a common job like a common ordinary man. He didn't have a big title and some great big job, he had a regular job and earned a regular wage. The one who created all things, and by whom are all things, worked as a carpenter for many years. Notice the Lord was in no hurry to get out there and start his ministry, he waited until the appointed time of the Father.

Consider his Ministry:

Jesus Christ started his ministry at the age of 30 (Luke 3:22-23) after being baptized by John in the Jordan River, symbolically partaking with mankind in death. Jesus began to

preach at that time saying, Repent for the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God are at hand.

Jesus Christ demonstrated his power over all things during those 3 ½ years before his crucifixion.

He demonstrated his power over the physical realm by calming the stormy sea (Matthew 8:23-27), healing men of diseases and sickness (Matthew 11:1-6), bringing the dead back to life (John 12)

He demonstrated his power over the spiritual realm by casting devils out of men (Matthew 8:16) and restoring people to their right mind (Luke 8:35), forgiving men of their sins (Matthew 9:2)

Consider his Friends:

Have you ever thought about who Jesus' friends were? They were common ordinary folks and misfits. Fisherman and tax collectors, those that were messed up by the devil until they met Jesus (Mary Magdalene – Jesus cast out 7 devils out of here); the crowd Jesus hung out with caused the self-righteous people to proclaim he was a friend of publicans and sinners (Matthew 11:19)! And he was. He said his family were those that heard the word of God and kept it (Luke 8:21).

Consider his enemies:

Have you ever thought about who Jesus was the harshest towards?

He did not get along with those that thought they were better than others.

He did not get along with those that believed they could see, when they were really blind (John 9:41)

He did not get along at all with self-righteous religious people (The Pharisees).

He did not get along with people that believed they were saved by works (John 5:39).

He did not get along with people that didn't believe the word of God (John 5:45-47).

He did not get along with hypocrites (Matthew 23:13-33)

Consider his character:

The word of God says Jesus Christ was tempted in all points like we are YET WITHOUT SIN (Hebrews 4:15). He endured temptation from the devil even when he was weak in the flesh (Matthew 4:1-11). When he was reviled he reviled not, when he suffered he threatened not (1 Peter 2:23). There was no guile in his mouth (1 Peter 2:22). He was faithful (Revelation 19:11) in all things, he always spoke the truth (John 1:17) and spoke openly (John 18:20). He was holy and without spot or blemish (1 Peter 1:19). There was no man ever like Jesus Christ. He never hurt anybody, he never punched anybody, he never stole another man's wife, he never killed anybody for disagreeing with him, he never cursed with his lips, he never lied about anyone, he never had a gossiping tongue, HE WAS HOLY, HE WAS JUST, HE WAS GOOD!

Consider his humility

The Bible says Jesus Christ, though he was equal to God, HUMBLED HIMSELF and made himself of NO REPUTATION (Philippians 2:6-8). Of all people that shouldn't have to humble themselves, it would be God, YET the LORD is meek (quiet, gentle calm) and lowly (humble in attitude, behavior and spirit; modest, unpretentious) in heart (Matthew 11:29). Jesus Christ got down on his knees and washed the dirty smell feet of sinners (John 13:4-17). He came to minister to others not to be ministered unto (Mark 10:45). Jesus would heal people and said, don't tell anybody about it (Matthew 8:1-4). Jesus said to his disciples, don't tell anyone that he was Jesus the Christ (Matthew 16:20)

Consider his compassion

Jesus Christ was the most loving man that ever walked on this earth. He lifted up his eyes, and seeing the multitudes of people, had compassion on them (Matthew 9:35-36, 15:32). He saw those that were hungry and fed them. He saw those that were sick and healed them. He saw those that were burdened by that sin debt they owed God they could never pay, and he forgave them of their debt (Matthew 18:23-27). He said he loved them (John 13:34) and that the Father so loved loved the world that me being here is proof of it (John 3:16). He said the Father loved the world like he loved Jesus (John 17:23). And he said the Father dwelleth in me (John 14:6-10). Jesus said "For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, HE HEARD." (Psalm 22:24). God heard, hence cometh Jesus.

Consider his death

Jesus said TO THIS END WAS I BORN as he stood before Pontius Pilate The King of Glory allowed Judas to betray him and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees to arrest him and lead him away (John 18:1-12). Jesus was the one that said put away thy sword Peter, don't you know if I asked the Father right now, he would send 10,000 angels to help me (Matthew 26:52-54)? But he didn't! Thank God! He is brought before a phony trial and lied about and no witnesses could agree. Yet they all agree to condemn him because he confessed to be the Messiah (Mark 14:61-65). He was led to his own death, yet he opened not his mouth, and insomuch so, that Pilate marveled. He was hated without cause, but all this was done that the scriptures might be fulfilled. They beat him nearly half to death, and he carries his own cross upon which he'll die. They crucify him and people are making fun of him and mocking him. What was Jesus' response: Father forgive them, for they know not what they do (Luke 23:34). He bore our sins in his own body. He became sin for us. All of the sin of the world was laid upon him. He was forsaken of God so God could say of us, I'll never leave thee nor forsake thee. He shed his precious blood and in so doing took away the sin of the whole world. He cried IT IS FINISHED, and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Consider his Resurrection

3 days later, God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

That's the difference! JESUS CHRIST DIED AND ROSE AGAIN! Mohamed is dead, Buddha is dead, the popes are dead: they are all dead BUT JESUS IS ALIVE AND WELL and because he lives, we shall live also (John 14:19)!

Christ rose from the dead still bearing the wounds in his hands, feet and side. What was his words to his disciples? PEACE BE UNTO YOU! What was his words to his disciples? Receive ye the Holy Ghost! What was his words unto his disciples? GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE! What was his words to his disciples? That repentances and remissions of sins should be preached in his name among ALL NATIONS! The Bible says he came and preached peace to those that were far off and those that were nigh (Ephesians 2:14-18). What was his words to his disciples? Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world! What was his words to his disciples? After blessing them he was carried up into heaven!

What a GREAT GOD AND what a GREAT SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST IS!

The Bible says, Consider him. The Bible said to consider Christ Jesus. We have considered him tonight. We have examined his life, his death, and his resurrection.

Who would blaspheme such a holy and worthy name?

Who would speak against such an one?

Who would hate a man like this?

Who would not want anything to do with such a man?

Who would ridicule a man like this?

Who would despise a man like this?

How can any pollute his name? (Isaiah 48:11)

Which one of you can convince Jesus of sin? (John 8:46)

What iniquity did your fathers find in me? (Jeremiah 2:5)

Who would neglect such great salvation as this? (Hebrews 2:3-4)

Why, what evil hath he done? (Mark 15:6-14)

Let me tell you something, Jesus has done no evil, but only good. He has only loved you with an everlasting love! He has only suffered and bled, and rose from the dead, that eternal life you might know! He has only reconciled you to God by his own blood! He has only forgiven you of all trespasses and sin! He has only given you the promise of the Holy Ghost! He has only promised you eternal life with him always and forever with no more defilement of sin!

Consider him, Consider him.

Colossians 1:12-23