

Behold The Man

John 19:1-7

Int.

1. Aim: Aim: To show some important facts about Jesus.
2. Jn. 19:5 "Then came Jesus out, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, Behold the man!"
 - a. Jesus had been scourged - a crown of thorns was placed on his head - and a purple robe was placed around his body.
 - b. He was then brought into the presence of Pilate.
 - c. Pilate said: "Behold the man" - Look at this man, is he Dangerous?
3. It has been said of Jesus:
 - a. He healed the multitude without medicine and made no charge for his service.
 - b. He never wrote a book, and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him.
 - c. He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the song writers combined.
 - d. He never practiced medicine, and yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near.
 - e. He never marshaled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun, and yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more enemies stack arms and surrender without a shot being fired.
4. Behold the Man Jesus:

Discussion

I. HE WAS BORN CONTRARY TO NATURE.

- A. Isa. 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."
1. A sign was given to King Ahaz
 2. A virgin would conceive contrary to God's natural law of reproduction.
 3. Fulfilled in N.T.
- B. Luke 1:26-35
1. The angel appeared to Mary.
 2. He told her she would conceive by the Holy Spirit
 3. Matt. 1:18-23
- C. Some people deny the virgin birth. If he was not born of the virgin then:
1. He was not the Son of God.
 2. He was not eternal.
 3. He is not our saviour.
 4. Christianity is just a hoax.
- D. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
1. He is God's only begotten Son. - one of a kind - unique
 2. Behold the Man! He was born contrary to nature; of a virgin.

II. HEROD COULD NOT KILL HIM

A. Matt. 2:1-23

B. Herod

1. He was a jealous and wicked ruler.
2. Any threat to his throne or authority brought immediate retaliation.
3. When Herod heard that Jesus had been born and he was to be a ruler he became jealous.
 - a. He made moves to destroy him.
 - b. He tried to have him killed.
 - c. But Herod could not accomplish this goal because God was in control.
 - d. Herod is dead, but Jesus lives on.
4. Jesus would lay down His life, but it would be His own choice.
 - a. Men would not be able to take his life from Him.
 - b. Jn. 10:17,18 "Therefore doth my Father love 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."

C. Behold the Man Jesus,

1. He was born contrary to nature - Born of a virgin
2. The one Herod could not kill!

III. SATAN COULD NOT SEDUCE HIM

A. Matt. 4:1-11

1. Tempted under extreme circumstances.
2. Came after 40 days of fasting
3. Devil tried his very best to get Jesus to yield

B. Jesus is our example

1. He does not ask us to do something he will not do.
2. He met the Devil on his own ground and defeated him.
3. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet he was without sin. Heb. 4:15
4. Heb. 2:16-18 - Because he took on himself the form of a man He understands and can help us. "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted." Succour - aid, help, relieve

C. Behold the man Jesus

1. Perfect and sinless -- a lamb without spot or blemish that can atone for our sins.
2. Satan could not seduce Him.

IV. DEATH COULD NOT DESTROY HIM

- A. Matt. 26:3,4 "Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, 4. And plotted to take Jesus by trickery, and kill [him]."
1. The elders of the people and the High Priest plotted to take Jesus and kill him.
 2. They secretly planned how to destroy this man Jesus.
- B. But in doing this they gave Jesus the opportunity to demonstrate his power over death.
1. Heb. 2:14,15 "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15. And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."
 2. Eph. 4:8,9; "Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 9. Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?"
 3. Col. 2:15 "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."
- C. He lives to make intercession for us. - Heb. 7:14-25
- D. Death could not destroy Him!

V. THE GRAVE COULD NOT HOLD HIM

- A. Jesus had said: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" - Jn. 2:19
- B. Pilate told the chief priests and Pharisees to : "Make it as sure as you can." - Mt. 27:65 - they were afraid that he would be resurrected and they wanted to stop it.
- C. But the gates of hades could not prevent Christ from building His church
1. Mt. 16:18 "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
 2. Angels broke the seal and rolled back the stone while the guards stood by as dead men - Mt. 28:1-8
 3. Jesus came forth with the keys of death and hell- Rev. 1:18 "I am he who lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hades and of death."
- D. The ultimate proof of his Sonship- His resurrection -Rom. 1:4 "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:"
- E. Behold the Man:
1. He was born of a virgin which is contrary to nature
 2. Herod Could not kill him
 3. Satan could not seduce him to sin
 4. Death could not destroy him
 5. And the Grave could not hold him

VI. MULTITUDES ADORE HIM

- A. Two Thousand years later
 - 1. Millions of His followers meet every Sunday to praise His name.
 - 2. Ten thousand times ten thousand angelic beings join with creatures both on and under the earth to extol his Name. - Rev. 5:1-14 v. 11-13
- B. Behold the man:
 - 1. His purple robe
 - 2. His Crown of Thorns
 - 3. His empty tomb
 - 4. His heavenly glory.
- C. Let all the Earth praise the Lord.

CONCLUSION

- 1. Behold The Man Jesus:
 - a. He was born contrary to Nature - a virgin birth
 - b. Herod could not kill Him - God protected him
 - c. Satan could not seduce Him - He never yielded
 - d. Death could not destroy Him - He lived after death
 - e. The grave could not hold Him - Resurrection was a reality
 - f. Multitudes adore Him still today - because he was the Son of God.
- 2. What will you do with this Jesus?
 - a. Obey
 - b. Disobey

3. Similarity between Jesus and us:

- a. He was born contrary to nature -- We must be born again - Jn. 3:3-5
- b. Herod could not kill Him - God protects us -- "If God be for us who can be against us" - Rm. 8:31
- c. Satan could not seduce him - We can overcome the temptation to sin by following his example
 - i. 1 Pet. 2:21-23 "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:"
 - ii. 1 Cor. 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."
- d. Death could not destroy him - We do not fear the second death as a child of God - Rev. 2:11 "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."
- e. Grave could not hold him -- We shall be resurrected. Jn. 5:28-29

4. Behold the man, Jesus.

5. Behold the Christian - the child of God.