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Sermon No 13

What Manner of man is this?



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On the same day when, evening had come, He said to them Let us cross over to the other side.”

*Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, Teacher, do You not care that we perish Then He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, Peace be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. But He said unto them, Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, who can this be that even the wind and the sea obey Him ? **Amen***

Who is this? What manner of man is this?

B&S at this point in time even the disciples were amazed at what they just saw and heard, right up until this point in time they had seen Him perform many miracles, turning water into wine, they saw Him drive out evil spirits from people, they saw Him healing all manner of sickness performing many other supernatural miracles. But to speak to the wind? **Wow** To speak to the wind. To tell the sea to be quiet. Who on earth can control the weather? He rebuked the wind and told the waves to be still Can you imagine the look on the disciples faces, shocked, amazed, **I don't believe what I see.**

They were with Him every day, so why should this one be such a big surprise? I think it was because it involved them, they thought their life was in danger

The boat was overflowing with water, they thought they were going to drown. But He is there with them, He is in the boat. Is He going to let it sink? Their faith in Him isn't strong enough yet, and He says to the Disciples.

Why are you so afraid, do you still have faith?

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Every country down through the centuries all have their heroes. Men like Albert Einstein, Michel Angelo, Leonardo De Vinci. War heroes like Montgomery, Napoleon, Even Adolph Hitler is a hero to some. Presidents like Abraham Lincoln, John F Kennedy. The Chinese have Confucius, the Muslims have Allah, India has Buddha. But there is no one in the course of history like **Jesus Christ**. He is unique, He is the Lily of the valley.

He is the Bright and Morning Star, He is the Messiah, He is the Saviour. He is the Great I Am.

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It is over 2016 years now since Jesus Christ walked planet Earth, and people still ask the same question What manner of man is this? Never a man spoke like this man, never a man cared like this man, never a man comforted like this man, never a man gave like this man. His Name? **JESUS**

At His birth, He was born of a Virgin

He changed the course of time. Before His birth the years were B C=Before Christ, after His birth this changed to A D –Anno Domini it is Latin for In the year of our Lord. Why should all of history change because of this man? Why would King Herod put to death all the little children 2 Years of age and under trying to get this Child **Is He Unique ?** Why should anyone interfere in other peoples lives like He did? What would you call someone who was caught in Adultery ? (I fear to think) Yet He defended an adulteress woman, putting His arms around her shoulders and saying to the crowd.

Let those who are without sin, cast the first stone
Why did Martha and Mary say to Him. ***Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died?***

Because no one ever died in the presence of **JESUS**

He came to give us life. **What Manner of Man is This?**

How can anyone keep on breaking up 5 loaves and 2 fish until an entire multitude of people are fed?

Who else do you know can walk on water, and calls to His friend Peter come, and Peter gets out of the boat and he walks on water as well. How many parties have you been to where someone took ordinary water and changed it to wine? Some people dare to deny the deity of **JESUS**. As if that was going to make a big difference, their little lifespan of 50,60, 80. or 100 Years in comparison to this man.

Even the devil said to Him, **If You are the Son of God. (If You Are)** make these stones to become bread. **Why?** Maybe the devil just wanted to tempt someone ordinary. Or the devil may simply have been having a bad day. If so then why does he say, ***It is written concerning You. That His angels would protect You.***

Many military leaders including Presidents, Kings, Queens, all have their military force, vast Armies, Navy, Air force, can't even come near the impact on this world, that this man had with 12 Men known as the 12 Disciples.

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Some say He was just an ordinary man, a good teacher, a Prophet. Well if that is so He certainly knew how to catch fish He was more qualified than professional fishermen. If He was just a great teacher or prophet, He certainly knew how to heal the sick, better than any doctor or specialist For people with all manner of sickness came to Him and He healed them all. If He was just a good man and teacher, why did people give up their lucrative jobs to follow Him. Who do you know could say to you, come follow Me and I will make you fishers of men, and they do it. Who do you know could say The foxes have holes, and the birds have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay His head. But come and follow me, you will have hard times, you will have to carry your cross daily, but come anyway and follow me, sure I am just a Great Teacher, and a Great Prophet .

Why did a man by the name of Isaiah who lived 750 years before His birth prophesy that the government would be on His shoulders. Look at the life of **JESUS**, was the government not on His shoulders? I have already mentioned His birth and the death of other children because the Government Head, Herod wanted Him dead.. Caiaphas the high priest hated Him, **WHY?**

For doing good? No , because Caiaphas was Government. Pontius Pilate the Governor who had a choice to make said to Him, don't You realise that I have the power to release You or crucify You. Jesus said back you have no power over Me. Pilate had Him scourged and sent to the cross WHY? Because Pilate was government. Pilate knew Jesus was an innocent man. Isaiah's Prophecy came true.

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John the Baptist came telling people of his day to repent. He Baptized Jesus in the river Jordan, then Jesus began to tell people to repent. For 2016 years now millions of God's ministers, Pastors, Evangelists have been telling people to repent. **Some do-Some don't.**

To be a great man or great prophet, all Jesus had to do was deny He was the Son of God. If He was only a great man or great prophet, why go to the cross at all? **Why** suffer all the pain, the agony and the shame for a bunch of strangers, **What would be the point?**

What was there to prove? A man dying an awful death on a CROSS just to fool the world.

Was He to know that His story would last 2016 years?
Was He to know that those 12 follower of Him would
grow into Millions? Was He to know that people would die
for Him, martyred, tortured, and face horrific tortures for
Him? Was a man who never wrote a book to know that
Billions of books would be written about Him?

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Who knows about world war one? Who knows about
1690? Who knows about the Battle of Waterloo?

Now you mention Calvary and you have a connection.

First you have a name **Jesus Christ**, and you have a
wooden cross. What is the connection between Jesus
Christ and a wooden cross. Jesus Christ is being nailed to
that cross, and that brings in a **WHY?**

The Answer, for you and for me. Are these the actions of
a great man or a great prophet, or a great teacher?

No He has to be much more than that. Three times He
raised the dead. The 3rd day after His Crucifixion He
came back to life from the dead Himself. And the disciples
look at each other and wonder **What Manner of man is
This?** A man who talks to the wind and the wind obeys
Him, a man who can calm a storm just by speaking to it.
A man who can make a blind man see by rubbing mud in
his eyes, a man who knows your every thought.

A man who you can curse, blaspheme and say all sorts of
evil things about Him and He still says **I love you.**

He is no longer with us, In Spirit yes, in bodily form no, He said He was going away to prepare a place for you, do you want to be with Him? You see He said He is going to come back again, because where He is He wants you to be with Him. But He won't take you if you don't want to be there **What Manner of man is This?** WOW

His name is **JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARUS.**

He is the Alpha and the Omega, He is the Bright and Morning Star, He is the Lily of the Valley He is the First and the Last, He is the Beginning and the End He is the Great I Am. He is everything that this world can contain. He is so vast He makes the heavens shine, and He is so small He lives within your heart. He is everywhere all at the same time. **Wow**, Did those disciples get their eyes opened. But I can understand them, for He never stops to amazing me. His love for me and you and this world my mind just cant get around it. But there is a little Sunday School song that always reminds me of His great **LOVE** ...

It Goes Like This

**Jesus love is so wonderful. Jesus Love is so wonderful, Jesus Love is so wonderful,
Oh wonderful love, It so high you can't get over it,
It so low you can't get under it. It's so wide you can't get around it. Oh wonderful love. Amen**