

What Did Jesus Say?

A popular saying, “What Would Jesus Do” (WWJD) could be based on imagination. A general concept of Jesus as all loving or forgiving is applied to an action making it ok. A more accurate way to follow and please the Lord Jesus would be to go by what He said.

The Lord’s Spirit wrote what is now called the Old Testament (covenant). But Christ Jesus claims we are not under it to come into a relationship with God (though we learn from it), 2Pet. 1:21, Heb. 10:9-20, Rom.15:4. While on earth, Jesus spoke in the gospels revealing the Father’s heart, John 1:18. Christ further spoke to His churches from heaven through His chosen apostles. These are called epistles – Romans through Revelation. Here the secret mysteries of God’s plan are revealed, Eph. 3:3-5. They are “red letter” too.

Now we can know what Jesus would do in specific areas because of what He said:

1. Is there really only one way to the Father?

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”

John 14:6

2. Should we forgive a person before they repent? (Is that the gospel?)

“If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him”

“Testifying...repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ”

Luke 17:3 / Acts 20:21

3. Should we preach about hell with fire or just heaven and love?

“died...in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments...cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame”

Luke 16:22-34

4. Did God really create or is it evolution?

“Have ye not read [in Genesis], that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female”

Matt. 19:4

5. Will people living unrighteously in unrepentant sin enter the kingdom of God?

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived...”

1Cor. 6:9-10

6. Are believers under the law and its Sabbath sign to form their relationship with God?

“For ye are not under the law, but under grace” / “Let no man therefore judge you...of the sabbath days”

Rom. 6:14 / (Exodus 31:12-18) / Col. 2:16

7. Are same sex relationships ok with God?

“vile affections: likewise [as women did]...men ...burned in their lust one toward another; men with men”

Rom. 1 26-27

8. Is a man marrying a divorced woman (while her husband’s living) ok?

“But I [Jesus] say unto you...whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.”

Matt. 5:32, 19:9, Mark 10:12, Luke 16:18, Rom. 7:2-3, 1Cor. 7:10-11, 39.

9. Should a man pray or preach publically with a hat on?

“Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head” [reverse for woman]

1Cor. 11:4-5

- 10. Should we address religious leaders with titles of honor?**
 “But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master [teacher], even Christ; and all ye are brethren”
 Matt. 23:8
- 11. Is the Lord pleased if a woman speaks during a meeting of the church?**
 “...it is a shame for women to speak in the church...are the commandments of the Lord”
 1Cor. 14:35, 37
- 12. Should a church excommunicate and shun some (not eat together)?**
 “if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator [sexually immoral], or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer [reviler], or a drunkard, or an extortioner [swindler]; with such an one no not to eat.”
 1Cor. 5:11 / 2Thess. 3:14-15
- 13. Does it please the Lord to call His Christian church after the name of a man, etc.?**
 “...You saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided?...”
 1Cor. 1:12-13
- 14. Does the Lord Jesus Christ believe in keeping the Lord’s Supper?**
 “I received of the Lord...as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, you do shew the Lord’s death...”
 1Cor. 11:23-26
- 15. Can a truly saved person lose salvation? (i.e. have the Spirit of the Lord leave him)**
 “...all which he [Father] hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day”
 John 6:39
- 16. Do holy good works show one’s salvation by faith or is that legalism?**
 “The will of God, even your sanctification...unto holiness” / “I will shew thee my faith by my works”
 1Thess. 4:3, 7 / James 2:18
- 17. What is our responsibility to government? (Pay, Pray and Obey)**
 “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers...pay ye tribute [taxes] also: for they are God’s ministers” / “prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks...For kings, and for all that are in authority”
 Rom. 13:1-7 / 1Tim. 2:1-2
- 18. Does hell have open borders, and heaven a wall with strict immigration policies?**
 “The holy city, new Jerusalem...had a wall great and high” “shall in no wise enter into it...but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life” / “whosoever was not found written...was cast into the lake of fire”
 Rev. 21.2, 12, 27 / 20:15
- 19. Is love to love everything?**
 “Charity [love]...rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth” / “Ye that love the Lord, hate evil”
 1Cor. 13:4, 6 / Psalms 97:10
- 20. Does Jesus hate anything?**
 “But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I [Lord Jesus] also hate”
 Rev. 2:6
- 21. Is it ok to judge – or is the judging of wrong more wrong than the doing of wrong?**
 “Jesus answered...Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment”
 “...Judge them that are within [the church]...put away from among yourselves that wicked person”
 John 7:24 / 1Cor. 5:12,13
- 22. Does the Lord Jesus Christ measure love to Him by words or obedient actions?**
 “Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words” John 14:23