

WHAT MAKES JESUS UNIQUE?

(Matthew 2:1, 6; 1:21-23; John 21:24-25)

The word unique is an adjective that means “the only one of its kind” or, “being without an equal”. Almost everyone concedes that Jesus is one of history’s great men. The Bible, however, goes far beyond that assessment. But you ask, “What makes Him superior to Moses Israel’s law-giver, Muhammad the founder of Islam, or the great minds of ancient Greece?” “What does Jesus possess that these great men and minds cannot match?”

Consider His birth. Centuries before His birth, the Old Testament prophet Micah announced to Israel where their Messiah would be born: “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting” (Micah 5:2). Matthew records some seven hundred years later that Micah the prophet was speaking of Jesus.

Isaiah the prophet said that the Messiah would be conceived and born of a virgin: “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14). Once again, Matthew records seven hundred forty to seven hundred fifty years later that Isaiah the prophet was speaking of Jesus.

Furthermore, the writer to the Hebrews made an astounding statement concerning Jesus: “For we have not an high priest [Jesus] which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). The writer of Hebrews said that Jesus was “without sin”. This cannot be said of any other person, except God!

Also, we must not forget the unique writings of John concerning Jesus. When John summed up his gospel, he said: “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name” (John 20:30-31). Yes, He is different from all others, He is unique.

Moses, the greatest prophet of the Old Testament, never claimed deity. Mohammad went to war and forced converts to Islam. He did no miracles and never alleged that he was divine. The great thinkers of Greece didn’t answer ultimate questions about life after death or declare that their ideas came from God. Yet, Jesus claimed deity, and His life proves His uniqueness.

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