

Jesus the Jew

"Jesus observed all of the [Jewish] Law" Dave Armstrong, The One Minute Apologist, Sophia Institute Press, Manchester, New Hampshire, 2007

Whether he existed or not, the New Testament generally presents Jesus as a true religious Jew and racially Jewish.

Some say the New Testament cannot be anti-Semitic because it says he was a Jew and his disciples were Jews as well. But a Protestant can be nice to one or two Catholics he likes and still be anti-Catholic. And anti-Semites and anti-Catholics will all differ in the strength of their prejudice and the reasons for the hate.

Whoever wrote the John gospel speaks of the Jews as if he is not Jewish himself. He distances himself from Judaism. (John 2:13, 6:4, 11:55, John 2:6, John 5:1, John 7:2, John 19:42, John 19:40).

Jesus tells the Jews that the Law of God is "your Law" (John 7:19, 8:17, 10:34). Circumcision is said to be "your circumcision" (John 7:22). Abraham is "your father" (John 8:56). That may reflect an anti-Semitic attempt to distance Jesus from what he truly was - a Jew.

Though Jesus is called a Jew by the Samaritan woman and by Pilate, Jesus does not say he approves. And it may mean social Jew or of Jewish background as opposed to being a Jew as in religionist. Or it could be Jew as in religionist only.

John's gospel has a Jesus who continually set out to offend the faith of the Jews and their leaders.

He does say however that salvation is from the Jews and not the Samaritans. To say salvation is found only in a faith that worships a God who orders people to be stoned to death is obscene.

BORN INTO EVIL

Jesus Christ was circumcised when he was a baby. If he was sent into the world then God wanted him to take this sign that he was to follow the Law of Moses, the teaching of the first five books of the Bible. Once you are circumcised you have to obey all the precepts of the Law or Torah (Galatians 5:3). Even more so if you are the Son of God for God could have arranged for some mistake to be made so that you ended up uncircumcised if he did not want it. Even if Jesus did not choose beforehand to be a Jew he claimed he did afterwards meaning that he would have chosen it if he could have. So he is still as bad as ever.

Jesus said that not a word would pass away from the Old Testament until it is all fulfilled implying that God must have been its author for God knows all things and nobody can defeat God who is all-powerful.

Jesus said that Judaism was the true religion (John 4:22,23) and he told Law-keepers that they were the light of the world approving of their obedience (Matthew 5). He quoted the Bible against the Devil (Luke 4).

Jesus said that the Law was the word of God for it is about love and God is loving. He said that anybody who dropped one commandment from it would not be honoured in his Father's kingdom. There is nothing in the New Testament whatsoever to prove that Jesus cancelled the Law or anything in it.

It does not matter if he did cancel them for he had made it clear that he wished people to believe that these laws were right before he changed them. He still wanted people to believe that there was nothing wrong in principle with a God who wants them to stone people to death for sins like adultery and so on. He still wanted the acceptance of fanaticism and murder to be part of their faith.

Jesus sang the Psalms which praised the Law in the Synagogue. Going to the synagogue meant one accepted the Jewish scriptures for the service honoured scripture and preached it. Jesus taught that one should not be afraid to speak out for the truth so his silence in the Synagogue proves he wanted the people to believe in the Law and the Prophets.

Paul said that Jesus was born under the Law (Galatians 4:4). Jesus died to deliver us from the curse of the Law not because the Law was wrong but because it was right (Romans 7:7,10). In other words, the Law is a curse only to those who cannot keep all of it and Jesus came to demonstrate that it is fair and to prevent it from being a curse to us (Galatians 3:13). So, the majority of the early Christians held that Jesus did not pick out bits of the Law that he liked and discard the rest like

Christians deceitfully do but accepted and cherished the whole lot.

The Laws are inhuman.

The Law tolerates the murdering of a person for manslaughter under strict conditions (Numbers 35). But if persons should be safe like the Law says then persons are precious and should not be killed. Nobody can deny that it is immoral if morality exists.

God permits parents to have their sons put to death by stoning in Deuteronomy 21. If the boys are stubbornly disobedient and fond of stuffing themselves and of strong drink, parents are given the right to have them killed. The parents must agree that this is the right course and are the only plaintiffs allowed. When satisfied that the parents are telling the truth the authorities consent to the execution. The law does not say that the authorities have the right to refuse so they don't. It is plain that there was no need for killing them so this law permits the needless killing of bothersome male children. It is not just for deterring other children though that is one of the reasons. Deterrence alone wouldn't justify this. It is not the just penalty for high treason for it was left up to the parents to decide if or when they would have their son done in. God does not say how bad the lad has to be before it was permissible to end his life. He would have done if he wanted only all those who were guilty of high treason put to death. He is just saying that it is just for parents to have their sons killed if they want rid of them.

Christians often condemn this awful law and manage to say that it is inspired for there is no record of anyone dying because of it. That does not prove that the law was ignored. The Torah was not written to tell us about how and when it was carried out. And ignored or not it says that such killing is just so none can condemn it and maintain that it is inspired.

To say that scriptures which commanded the cruel and slow killing of homosexuals, adulterers and apostates are the word of God shows that you are using religion to inflict malice and/or stupidity on other people. It is said that such sins were high treason which justified their price which was stoning to death. That is an excuse. There was no need to kill them. And it is obvious that it is an excuse. Jesus may not have lifted a stone to kill anybody but in will and intent he was a murderer and a sadist.

Jesus was an evil man who heartily praised the cruel demands of the Law of Moses. He was not the "King of Love".

Jesus made it clear that he was to be judged in accordance with the Mosaic Law for it was his precursor and background and so if it condemns him he is to be rejected (Luke 24:44-46; Matthew 5:17,18). Christians forget this. They judge Jesus by their own modern standards which includes such nonsense that capital punishment is contrary to the gospel. The gospel at most does not condemn it and the evidence that it wants it continued under the decrees of the Law of Moses is overwhelming.

Jesus Christ was a fraud for he acclaimed the draconian and errant ways of Moses and had been a Jew who cherished the Law.

WHY JESUS WAS A BIGOT FOR BEING BIBLE-BELIEVER

The Christians argue that the Bible is true and it is inspired because it is true. How sad. A book could be meticulously consistent and true and about God and still not be the word of God. To say the book is inspired because it is true is to automatically affirm that if anybody creates another book that agrees with it that it must be scripture as well. It would be sectarianism and favouritism to pick on the one book. And a collection of books claiming to be scripture with greater clarity and credibility and consistency would have more claim to be the word of God. To say the Bible is true because it is inspired is to simply guess that the Bible is true. You are putting the cart before the horse. Instead of working out that the Bible is true you just take it for granted that it is true because it is inspired. That is also biased and bigoted. Jesus committed a sin too by stating that the Old Testament was the word of God and even more so for preaching what he said was the most recent word of God. To follow him is to become as bad as him.

Human beings are too easily conditioned. The fact that Jack the Ripper arouses greater abhorrence than the far more depraved President George Bush Junior illustrates this point. Most of what makes us angry is irrational for other worse things do not bother us. Establishments like religion should not exist and nobody should be starting new religions especially demanding ones like Christianity, Mormonism, Islam and Judaism that have unusual doctrines and practices. We are dangerous enough by focusing on and living with what is on earth never mind worrying about what a God or Bible or saviour with ways that look inexplicable and unfathomable to our reason want. Its every bit as bad as drug addiction and at the end of the day all these cults want us to be very dedicated to them and want us to be very religious and order our lives the way they say God wants it done rather than how we think it should be done. That is a terrible thing if they are nonsense. Religion claims to be of more importance to mental stability and happiness than psychiatry. So if we were all religious and lived holy lives we would not need treatment for the mind except for those disorders that arise from physical causes. This is

a very serious claim. It accuses unbelievers of being dangerous and causing others to be dangerous. It calls them liars for saying they are content enough with their lives. No religion as the right to say things like that. Psychologists and psychiatrists can get it wrong but they use trial and error to learn while religion loathes trial and error. It chooses not to fit its worldview into reality but fit reality into its world-view. For example, they choose to ignore any evidence that contradicts them and take refuge in platitudes about God having mysterious ways – for example, the appalling suffering his viruses cause to innocent babies - and human beings having limited understanding. The claims are downright irresponsible. What would give say the Roman Catholic Church the right to say it has a monopoly on making people happy? Does the pope and his cronies know what it is like to be a Buddhist or a Mormon? And yet that is what these cultists say because they claim to be the only true Church. They claim Jesus is the only way to salvation which indicates then that they are making him a monopoly for happiness too. The Christians say they believe that Jesus is the only way to God. We seen then that a belief that might or could be wrong is causing the happiness not Jesus. Christians use testimonies about Jesus being a moral genius and a great source of happiness to impress prospective converts. But you can get people to say things like that about books like A Course in Miracles allegedly dictated by Jesus but totally incompatible with the New Testament due to its saccharine New Age outlook. It is science not dogma that should be presented as the source of happiness.

The gospels report the following story. Jesus was once approached by a Gentile or non-Jewish woman who wanted him to cast a demon out of her daughter. He ignored her. She persisted. Finally he listened. He said he would not take the food of the children to throw it to the dogs. She said that dogs have scraps off the table and for her answer he listened to her and healed her daughter. The Jews believing in accordance with their scriptures, claiming to be inspired by God, held themselves to be the top race in the world and the only race chosen by God. They referred to non-Jews as dogs or inferior human beings. Jesus did this as well. The early Church had more success among non-Jews than Jews. Indeed the apostles of Jesus commissioned to teach for him and to whom he promised his inspiration so that they would not err said that these non-Jews were turned into Jews spiritually in God's reckoning. So you still have to be part of this racist Church of Judaism to be a Christian. Christianity has racism at its core.

CONCLUSION

The gospels portray Jesus was a member of a fanatical religion that followed a murderous God.

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