

What did Jesus do?

We started this series with the question **Who is Jesus?** - What is Jesus like? - What did Jesus come to do?

The book of Acts starts with these words: **Acts 1:1-2 NLT** *In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach*

John 21:25 adds this: *Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written.*

The Things Jesus did are fairly familiar to us & we can read the four gospels that give us accounts of what Jesus said & did.... But we all know there was so much more... that didn't get written down...

If somebody asks you **What did Jesus do....?** What would you tell them?

Some of John the Baptist's followers did just that . Matt 11:32-

John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?"

This is what **Jesus Replied**.... *"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor."*

This question didn't go away though & throughout his ministry people kept asking it in one way or another... Even in his own Village of Nazareth where they didn't take too much notice of Him ..their attitude was 'isn't this Joseph the carpenters son?'

Then one day... while all these questions were going through peoples minds Jesus stood up in the local Synagogue and said this: *"The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD's favour has come."*

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently.

21 Then he began to speak to them. *"The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"*

Wow! THAT made them sit up & take notice! One minute everyone is saying what a wonderful chap Jesus is.... And the next they're trying to throw him off the Cliff!

Lets get back to answering that question.... **What did Jesus do....?**

- **He Revealed The Father**

John 14:8- ERV Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father. That is all we need." Jesus answered, "Philip, I have been with you for a long time. So you should know me. Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father too. So why do you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The things I have told you don't come from me. The Father lives in me, and he is doing his own work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or believe because of the miracles I have done.

- **He Obeyed** The Father's Will

John 6:38 CEV I didn't come from heaven to do what I want! I came to do what the Father wants me to do. He sent me,

Matt 20:28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- **He Spoke** The Fathers Words

John 17:8 NiRV I gave them the words you gave me. And they accepted them. They knew for certain that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.

- **He Lived The Father' Plans.**

John 3:17 & Luke 19:10 Hybrid For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour. The Son of Man came to seek... and to save.. those who are lost."

The fathers plan is that we should be with him for eternity....

John 14:2 KJV In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Eph 1:4 NiRV God chose us to belong to Christ before the world was created. He chose us to be holy and without blame in his eyes. He loved us.... He Loves you!

Did Jesus DO these things? Not yet!....

You see there are FOUR people involved in all this....

- God the Father... who made the Plans
- Jesus, The Obedient son who carried out the Plans...
- The Holy Spirit... who empowered the Plans
- You... ME? Yes YOU... How did I get involved in this ?

You're the reason it was all planned in the first place! But you need to DO something about it!

Here's what you can do.....

- **Revere the Father....** 'Our Father Who art in heaven'
Heb 11:6 ERV *Without faith no one can please God. Whoever comes to God must believe that he is real and that he rewards those who sincerely try to find him.*
- **Recognise the Father's Will** Romans 12:2 Hybrid *Don't live any longer the way this world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed... let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you live. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*
- **Respond the Fathers Words....** Matt 17:5 Hybrid *Peter was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to and Obey him."*
- **Receive the Fathers plan...** For YOUR life. John 1:12 ESV *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...*

I want us to come back to the verse I started with..

Acts 1:1-2 NLT *In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus **began** to do and teach...*

Jesus has begun... but he's not finished yet.... praise God! Because he's working IN & THROUGH you.....

Heb 13:20-21 Hybrid.....Our Lord Jesus is the great Shepherd of the sheep. The God who gives peace brought him back from the dead. He did it because of the blood of the eternal covenant. May God fully equip you with everything that you may need for the doing of His will, producing in us that which will truly please Him through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory to the Ages of the Ages! Amen.

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