

## Why Jesus of Nazareth Was/Is a Fraud

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Jesus was a GOOD man. He healed the sick. He tried His best to save the Jews. He tried His best to save EVERYONE .. I used to theologially attack Paul for his 'one sin' of edifying Jesus while He insisted on the label Son of Man. Although Jesus publicly admitted to being "one with the Father" and I respectfully use a capitalized pronoun above to refer to Him, there are certain undeniable aspects of His mission that ring of deception and outright fraud.

I don't deny His deity, I don't deny His miracles, I don't deny His integrity; what I DO deny is the abuses of the Church and outright fabrication when it comes to some core Christian concepts that have NOTHING to do with Jesus. So this article could just have easily been entitled "The Abuses of Christian Leaders and Corruption of Jesus". But since those very same leaders actually BELIEVE or pretend to believe in those corrupted concepts, and worse, they promulgate those falsities throughout Christian history, the current title will stand.

Did Jesus ANYWHERE in the New Testament say something to the following effect: "If you don't believe in me as your personal savior, you're gonna burn in Hell"? Come on Biblical scholars, admit the truth, He NEVER EVEN IMPLIED THAT IN **ANY** OF HIS STATEMENTS. Jesus was about reconciliation and forgiveness which is the obvious core of true-love. The core attribute of God/Jesus is humility not compassion, as some believe.

In my Biblical researches, I forgave Paul for his edification of Jesus; I consider Paul as the replacement Apostle for Judas. In a very real sense, Paul established *singlehandedly* Christianity with his letters to early Churches. But what the leaders and theologians did afterwards was NOT forgivable.

My primary complaint is about the concept of Hell. I believe in my heart and know in my mind it's a **false concept** created simply out of the **desire to control** and **create fear** in human beings. Think about the primary mission of Jesus and try to reconcile Hell **rationally** with that mission; you can't. *The Church will insist this article is heresy while they know intellectually I speak the Truth.*

That's the end of my argument. The following points don't hurt: Grace Eberly once told me, and she was one of the *most authentic Christians* I have EVER met in my life, "There will be ALL denominations in Heaven." What she meant was that there will be Buddhists too, Muslims too, Jainists too,.. You get my/her point. *You don't have to accept Jesus as your personal Savior to go to Heaven*; I admit that good-deeds will NOT do it however; I personally believe that if you keep good in your heart and nurture the positives in those around you, you WILL go to Heaven, *if there is such a place.*

One final point and I'll 'get off my soap-box': in the end, it won't be Jesus who saves humanity; it will be good ol' common-sense and **reason**.

A bit of autobiography is in order. I've been a Christian for 53 of my current 55 years. Obviously, I've been a 'wanna-be theologian' as well for much of those. It should be **absolutely clear beyond a doubt** that I have absolutely NO RESENTMENT/ANTIPATHY TOWARD JESUS. I reserve that for the Church and anybody who promulgates the concept of Hell.