Who Is Jesus?

Tony Mauck · 2 Peter 1:16–21

INTRODUCTION

- Some of his facts in this book even directly contradict the Bible, and we'll be talking about that a little bit tonight.
- If you want to take the Bible literally, it is your right to do that. And so by implication, Bill O'Reilly does not take the Bible literally.
- Are we to believe Bill O'Reilly's historical portrait of Jesus? Or should we trust the biblical portrait of Jesus?

1 The Bible Is the Holy Spirit's Message

2 Peter 1:16–21; John 3:16

- The thing that we must always stand squarely on is that this book comes to us from God.
- For we did not follow cleverly devised tales. When we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
- For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will. But men, moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.
- Who gets to decide which statements of Jesus are legitimate and which ones are not? This becomes a very subjective endeavor.
- But I'm going to trust a reliable source, the Holy Spirit, who tells me that it was possible for Jesus to utter those seven statements on the cross and that he did so.

2 All Reported Events in the Bible Happened

Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18; Psalm 119:160

- All reported events in the Bible happened.
- How can we trust any of this document if we cannot trust it all?
- If some of it is not reliable, if some of it is not true, this document cannot be trusted at all.
- In the hope of eternal life, which God who cannot lie, promised long ages ago.
- Because it is impossible for God to lie.
- It all becomes very subjective just the way people like it. I get to be the boss and determine what I want to believe and do.

3 Jesus Is All That He Said He Was

2 Kings 6

- And Jesus is all that he said he was.
- If God could make an axe head float, could he make those other things float? He absolutely could. I believe that happened.

- If you reject that, you have to reject Jesus because Jesus validated that story just as Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights, so the Son of Man shall be in the earth.
- When I teach those stories, young people, I believe they happened. All of them.
- Jesus is the King of kings. He's the Son of God.
- It is not a noble sentiment to label him that and to detract from all that he claims that he was. In fact, that dishonors him.

4 The Promised End of History Is Reliable

2 Peter 3; 1 Thessalonians 5:8–9; Romans 2:5–8

- The promised end of history is reliable. Because all of the other things are true.
- That judgment is a foretaste of a final judgment when he will destroy the world with fire, according to 2 Peter chapter 3.
- The only reason why it hasn't happened is that God is waiting for sinners to repent.
- For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- You are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to every man according to his deeds.
- Those are passages that people want to reject and say are not true. But again, if we're going to reject those, we're going to have to reject them all.

THE CHALLENGE

And are you ready for that very real day that is coming?

MY NOTES