

How Much Do You Know About Jesus?

Quiz: True or False

- _____ 1. Jesus had brothers and sisters.
- _____ 2. Jesus never spoke about hell.
- _____ 3. Jesus never claimed to be God.
- _____ 4. Unlike the pictures you see of Him, Jesus really had short hair.
- _____ 5. Jesus knew that He would be crucified.
- _____ 6. Everyone's birthday is based upon Jesus' birthday.
- _____ 7. Jesus spent nine months growing inside of His mother's womb just like normal babies do as humans before they are born.
- _____ 8. Jesus died for everyone's sins so everyone is going to heaven.
- _____ 9. Jesus did not really feel the pain that people feel when they suffer because He was a unique kind of person.
- _____ 10. Jesus said there is a way in which a person can truly know that they are on their way to heaven and have eternal life.

Answers:

1. True: Jesus had brothers and sisters. Matthew 13:55,56 says: Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And his brothers, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? This was recorded as one of the responses by the people of Jesus' home area when he displayed his astute understanding and teaching ability. The people who knew him there were in disbelief at his ability and refused to accept it.

2. False: Jesus was the original hellfire, and brimstone preacher. He predicted that He was going to die to save people from hell and he did, but before he died he wanted everyone to know that we were headed there and that it wasn't going to be pretty and that there was a way of escape. He said in: Matthew 18:8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. Here are more examples: Matthew 18:9, 25:41, 5:22,29-30, 7:13-23; Mark 9:42-48; Luke 16:19-31

3. False: Jesus never claimed to be anyone but God. We see this in the story in Mark 2:1-12 where Jesus has a man brought to him who needs healing. The unusual thing here is that so many people were crowding Jesus in the house that the crippled man's friends couldn't get him into the house so they opened the roof and lowered him in right in the middle of everyone and everything. Jesus looks at the crippled man and tells him that his sins are forgiven him. Of course, many were thinking that only God can forgive sins. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, asks everyone present which is easier to say, "thy sins be forgiven thee", or "rise up and walk"? Jesus wanted people to know that he was God in flesh, and not just that he was able to heal. And he did these kinds of things in different ways all through his ministry and never presented himself as anyone less than God!

4. True: There is nothing in the Bible about Jesus' hair length but the Jewish historian Josephus, who was commissioned to write history for the Caesar, records Jesus as an average height man with deep set eyes, a big nose, and short hair.

5. True: Jesus not only prophesied that he would be crucified, but also that he came to lay his life down in this way as his mission. John 12:23-33 gives us a discourse by Jesus about how he is going to die by being lifted up [on the cross], but John 10:17-18 tells us that Jesus was willfully giving his life: Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life that I may take it again. No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

6. True: The Gregorian calendar, which is the business calendar of the world is based upon the life of Jesus Christ; even though today they say C. E. and B. C. E. instead of A. D. and B. C.

7. True: You can follow the story of his conception in Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-37, 2:1-7 and know that Jesus was always a person in Mary's womb even as a developing baby. This is the strongest argument in history for protecting babies in the womb. Jesus was never not his own person and he was never part of Mary's body for her to do whatever she wanted with him while she was carrying him.

8. False: Jesus did die to make the payment for all sin and satisfy God's wrath against sinners but each person must personally call out to Jesus for salvation from their sins. Jesus did all the work on the cross for salvation, but he does not want anyone in his heaven who is unwilling to receive salvation as a gift from him. Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ ... Romans 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Each person must decide personally to enter into a relationship with Jesus.

9. False: Jesus was fully human and experienced the limitations of the flesh as all people do. Matthew 4 tells of him being hungry. Luke 22:40-44 tells of the agony that he experienced as he contemplated his willful act of dying for sin and how he sweat blood thinking about what he was about to go through. John 4:6-7 speaks of Jesus being weary and needing a drink of water. Jesus is completely human even though he is more than just human.

10. True: Jesus stated it for our benefit. He came to tell us about eternal life and that he is the way of eternal life. John 5:24 Verily, verily, I [Jesus] say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come unto condemnation; but is past from death unto life. Also, reread the answer to #8 above as it also addresses how to have eternal life. As it is written: Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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