

JESUS, THE REVOLUTIONARY

1. Jesus Was a Revolutionary in His Day in Reference to Marriage.
 - A. Matt. 5:31-32: “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”
 - B. II Tim. 3:12: “Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”

2. Jesus Was a Revolutionary in Reference to Teaching Concerning our Enemies.
 - A. Matt. 5:43-48: “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

3. Jesus Was a Revolutionary in Reference to the Attaining of Riches.
 - A. Matt. 6:19-24: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”
 - B. Luke 12:15: “And He said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.’”

4. Jesus Was a Revolutionary in the Application of the Golden Rule.
 - A. Matt. 7:12: “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

5. Jesus Was a Revolutionary in His Day as He Urged Men to Enter the Narrow Way.
 - A. Matt. 7:13-14: “Enter by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

6. Jesus Was a Revolutionary When It Came to Business Ethics.
 - A. Luke 6:38: “Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

7. Jesus Was a Revolutionary When It Came to Giving a Proper Sense of Values.
 - A. Matt. 16:24-27: “Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.”
 - B. Luke 14:33: “So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.”

8. Jesus Demanded a Complete Allegiance to His Cause - There Could Be No Half-Way Measure.
 - A. Luke 16:13: “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”