

The Greatest Philippians 2:5-1

The Greatest Of All Time

While calling someone "a goat" is still frowned upon, I recently learned that calling someone "The GOAT" was an honor.

Recently several preacher friends were discussing the GOAT of basketball.

It took a few readings of their conversations and an article or two before I realized they were using an acronym for "Greatest Of All Time".

As you know I am not a sports guy.

My thoughts turned to something that really matters to me.

The only Greatest Of All Time I am concerned with is Jesus.

Most Influential Person In History

No one else has influenced more, for a longer period of time.

One Solitary Life. "He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter's shop, till he was 30, when he became a traveling preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but himself, yet: Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and the navies that ever sailed, and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary life. Do you know this man?" (Author unknown).

Acts 4:12; Ephesians 1:19-21; Philippians 2:9-11

He influenced many with a simple "Follow Me"

The Greatest Teacher

The lasting effect of His teaching surpasses all other teachers. After nearly 2,000 years there is no need for alteration or addition. This is not just because no addition or subtraction is to be made to His teaching. It is because He said all that needs to be said!

Those who intimate that some addition needs to be made have the obligation to explain what Jesus left out and how they know this!

Every upright/moral idea man has ever considered can be found in His teaching

Those who decide that some subtraction is needed likewise have an obligation, they need to show where Jesus said too much and how they know that!

None of His teaching leads to hurt, harm or immoral attitudes

His method of teaching was greater than any other.

To large groups [Sermon on the mount] - **Matthew 5-7**

To one person [woman at the well] - **John 4**

His appeal in His teaching was different than others.

"You have heard that it was said...but I say to you."

He made none of the popular appeal to tradition - **Matthew 15:3-9**

Always behind His teaching was - **John 17:17**

The Son Of God

John 1:1-14; Matthew 1:23

Peter identified Him - **Matthew 16:16; John 20:28**

What more proof did Thomas need? - **Romans 1:4**

Josephus, "Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure.

He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ."

(Antiquities Of The Jews, xviii, iii, 3).

We should appreciate that Josephus had nothing to gain with his remarks, only seeking to be historically accurate. Yet, we should be more concerned with the divine record - **Matthew 3:17**
He serves as God's spokesman - **Hebrews 1:1-2; Matthew 17:5**

The Suffering Servant

Jesus of low origin in the eyes of men - **John 1:46**

Jesus had nothing materially - **Matthew 8:20**

He had a mission - **Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 20:25-28; Isaiah 53:7-9**

He was betrayed - **Matthew 26:14-15**

He was falsely accused - **Matthew 26:59-60**

He was crucified - **Luke 23:33**

All of this for a purpose.

He died for our sins - **1Corinthians 15:3; Romans 5:8**

He is our Savior - **Matthew 1:21; Acts 2:36**

*"Man of sorrows, what a name. For the Son of God who came. Ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah!
What a Savior!"*

Jesus Is The Only One That Really Matters

He surpasses any metric we might apply

He died for you

He overcame death for you

He reigns for you

Do you love Him enough to serve?

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