

Truth & Warnings From Jesus

Almost everyone knows John 3:16. But love is only one of God's many attributes. His wrath and hatred of sin are just as much a part of Him as is His love. Jesus frequently spoke out against people's sin and warned people of the dangers of hell. Read these verses to see some of the real and sometimes harsh truths spoken by Jesus Himself.

Jesus healed people, but His main purpose was to teach about God.

And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things. (Mark 6:34)

But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." (Luke 4:43)

Jesus never promised a happy life; He promised trials and troubles.

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. **In the world you will have tribulation**; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

"Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets." (Luke 6:22-23, 26)

"Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." (Luke 12:51-53)

And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible." Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You." So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, **with persecutions**—and in the age to come, eternal life." (Mark 10:26-30)

Many people hated Jesus, and the world also hates true Christians.

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. **But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake**, because they do not know Him who sent Me.” (John 15:18-21)

“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.” (John 17:14-16)

“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ... **And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake**. But he who endures to the end will be saved. ... Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.” (Matthew 10:16-18, 22, 34)

“And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!” **So they went out and preached that people should repent.** (Mark 6:11-12)

And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, **they begged Him to depart from their region.** (Matthew 8:34)

“These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.” (John 16:1-3)

Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” ... From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” But Simon Peter answered Him, **“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.** Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (John 6:60, 66-69)

Sin is a very, very serious thing to God. When Jesus would preach, He often warned people to repent and turn from their sinful ways.

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”** (Matthew 4:17)

“And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ” (Matthew 10:7)

Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’ ” (Matthew 21:12-13)

“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” (Mark 8:35-38)

There is a narrow path to heaven. Our good works can’t get us there—only the blood of Jesus Christ can. There are many who think they are saved, but are not. Are you one of them?

“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. ... Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.** Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’ ” (Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23)

Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. **For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.** For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?” (Luke 9:23-25)

“For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

Jesus focused on eternal things, not troubles and trials in this life.

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

“If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. **It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.**” (Matthew 18:8-9)

Hell is a very real place, and Jesus frequently warned us about it.

“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— where ‘Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ ” (Mark 9:43-44)

“And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ” (Matthew 25:30)

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.” (John 3:18-21)

The whole Bible points to Jesus Christ. Do you truly know Him?

Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, **He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.** (Luke 24:25-27)

“O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.” (John 17:25)

He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” (John 14:21)

Scripture taken from the New King James Version©Copyright©1982 by Thomas Nelson.Used by permission.All rights reserved.

For more, visit www.CompactBibleStudies.org