

Keypoints of Jesus' doctrine.

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There are keypoints in the doctrine of Jesus so important that He wanted not only to clarify but just to nail them in a way that people couldn't misunderstand what He meant.

What are these doctrine so important to Him that He tried so hard to clarify to a point that it was impossible to misunderstand them?

1) His relationship with God and our relationship with God. He was the firstborn in the spirit and the only one born in the flesh by Him. We are offspring of God as spirit and still His heirs like Jesus.

2) God is an holy and perfect man, for that reason he made mankind in His own image and likeness because every offspring resembles his parent, it is a natural thing.

3) His mission and the purpose of the atonement

4) Resurrection.

5) Exaltation.

Let's go to analyze these points.

His and our relationship with God.

Our first prophet taught in his sermon of the king follet discourse.

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"I want to ask this congregation, every man, woman and child, to answer the question in their own heart, what kind of a being God is? Ask yourselves; turn your thought into your hearts, and say if any of you have seen, heard, or communed with him. This is a question that may occupy your attention for a long time. I again repeat the question—What kind of a being is God? Does any man or woman know? Have any of you seen him, heard him, or communed with him? Here is the question that will, peradventure, from this time henceforth occupy your attention. The Scriptures inform us that "This is life eternal that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."

Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Section Six 1843–44, p.344

If any man does not know God, and inquires what kind of a being he is,—if he will search diligently his own heart—if the declaration of Jesus and the apostles be true, he will realize that he has not eternal life; for there can be eternal life on no other principle."

Gabriel, the angel, the same one who appeared to Muhammad, explained to Mary clearly without any possibility to miss the point:"

Luke 1:35

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Gabriel pointed out clearly that her son would have been called Son of God and also explained how it could happen "and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:"

I suggest you to read my article "[The Fatherhood of Jesus Christ](#) "

Gabriel said Son of God not Son of the Holy Ghost, the function of the Holy Ghost was just to protect Mary.

Jesus was well aware about who was His personal father from His childhood.

Luke 2:40

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40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

In the same chapter we know for sure that Jesus had already this knowlegde, in act when He was rebuked from His parents He answered:"

Luke 2:49

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

No one before then Him dared to refers to God ad a Father, not only He taught even to His disciples to use this term, when you pray, pray in this way "Dear Father".....

That God would have generated a Son is well declared in Psalms 2:7,12

Psalms 2:7

7 ¶ I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou [art] my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Psalms 2:12

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish [from] the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed [are] all they that put their trust in him.

God Himself gave testimony of His Sonship

Matthew 3:17

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

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Matthew 17:5

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Mankind is also offspring of God and Jesus wanted to point this out in a very good way. There is only one scripture in which Jesus wanted to make sure his point and it was regarding this point.

John 10:34

34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

John 10:35

35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

note the point "the scripture cannot be broken".

Jesus wanted to make sure that no one could misunderstand his point

John 10:36

36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

God is indeed a glorified person?

Also to make clear this concept once more Jesus always loved to name Himself the "Son of Man", why he never refer to himself like the son of God. I counte 84 times in the scriptures Jesus called Himself "son of Man" just to make sure that people should understand what kind of person was His personal Dad. Only Jesus uses the phrase in the synoptic Gospels, and He uses it more often than any other title to reveal who he is.

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John 14:8

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

John 14:9

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou [then], Shew us the Father?

Colossians 1:15

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Invisible because Jesus it is the mediator between mankind and God and only by Him is possible to see the Father.

Anyway is well declared that God make mankind in His own image and likeness and all the times saw God they saw Him as man, describing His beard, feet, hair and so on. So the first and second point were clearly defined from Jesus in a way that no one can miss them.

His mission and atonement.

John 18:37

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

This introduce the second crucial point, He was the lamb well foreordaneid before the foundation of the world. I won't speak about the implications of the fallen but I will go ahead with the nails that Jesus gave to this point.

After He reassured about our preexistence and about our future He nailed the reason why he Came

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Isaiah 61:1

1 ¶ THE Spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to [them that are] bound;

Isaiah 61:2

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Isaiah 61:3

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Luke 4:16

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Luke 4:17

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

Luke 4:18

18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Luke 4:19

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:20

20 And he closed the book, and he gave [it] again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Luke 4:21

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Matthew 9:1

1 ¶ AND he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

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Matthew 9:2

2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

Matthew 9:3

3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This [man] blasphemeth.

Matthew 9:4

4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

Matthew 9:5

5 For whether is easier, to say, [Thy] sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?

Matthew 9:6

6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

Matthew 9:7

7 And he arose, and departed to his house.

Matthew 9:8

8 But when the multitudes saw [it], they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Luke 5:17

17 ¶ And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was [present] to heal them.

Luke 5:18

18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought [means] to bring him in, and to lay [him] before him.

Luke 5:19

19 And when they could not find by what [way] they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with [his] couch into the midst before Jesus.

Luke 5:20

20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

Luke 5:21

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

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Luke 5:22

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

Luke 5:23

23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

Luke 5:24

24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

Luke 5:25

25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

John 11:42

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said [it], that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

John 11:43

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

John 11:44

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

John 11:45

45 ¶ Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

After His personal resurrection not only He showed Himself to His disciples but He wanted to be touched in His personal wounds to make sure that they would have understood that He resurrected with His personal body and that resurrection was not a dream anymore but even a reality.

To point out in what way salvation could come true, He cursed instead to bless, the only time in

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the whole New testament, clearly to emphasize that salvation from the fall is free but exaltation in the kingdom of God is earned by the works. To the young rich man taught that by keeping the Law eternal life is earned, because that was the question. but Jesus anytime was giving parables was putting a new nail to His doctrine. Who has a talent should have more otherwise even the talent he has will be taken away, but even to make this doctrine sure he used a spiritual hyperbole, because our hearts need to ponder it deeply.

Jesus had always blessed and healed, but in the case of the fig tree He cursed it. Why? just because there were no fruit on it, just leaves and He specified like John the Baptist did before that the branches that will not bring fruit will be cut and throw in the fire.

Matthew 21:18

18 ¶ Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.

Matthew 21:19

19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. to have a better idea of this topic I suggest you to read my talk ["The fig tree"](#).

I firmly believe that Jesus wanted to nail down those doctrines just because they were the foundation of His Gospel don't forget that he said : " John 17:3

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

1 John 5:20

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, [even] in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.