

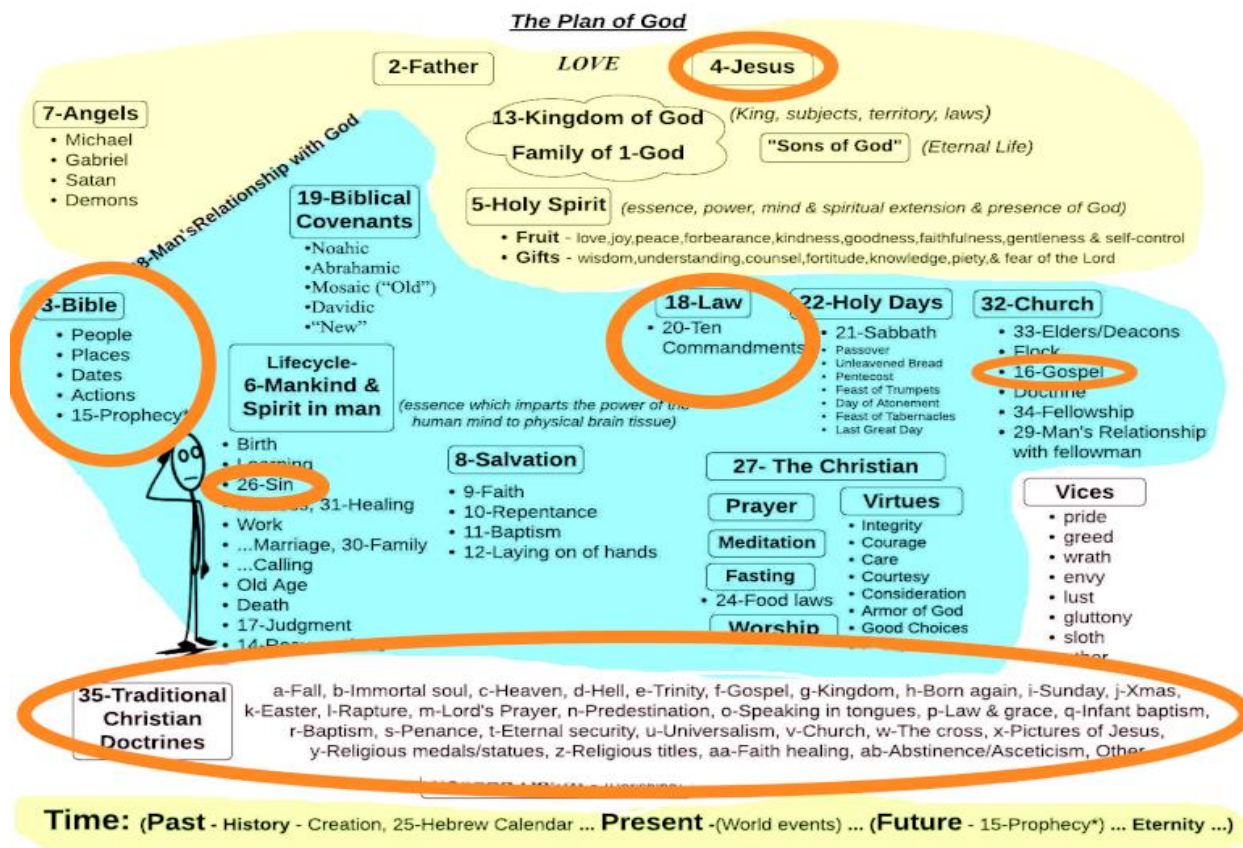
Misconceptions about Jesus

- Super Bowl commercial - **Jesus didn't teach hate** -He washed feet -He gets us. All of us
 - People **getting washed** ... Native American, climate protester, muslim neighbour, illegal immigrant, Cop washing feet of black man, priest washing a gay black guy on the beach, & woman outside abortion clinic getting washed by pro-life protester
 - the Ad respects the left wing victim hierarchy & rules of intersectionality (ie no white person got feet washed by non-white?!?)
 - Actually... Jesus **didn't** go around washing the feet of every **unbeliever** or **unrepentant sinner** who walked by!
 - Jesus' message was "repent & believe" the Gospel ... not ... "Stop hating"
- WWJD - What **Would** Jesus Do? Better motto... WJDJ - What **Did** Jesus do?
- GTA Radio Series back in 1978 - Misconceptions

It is awesome to feel "understood" by someone (a friend or spouse or God) ...

Psa 139:1-4 O LORD, You have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD.

Jesus did not have the comfort of a friend or spouse that understood Him ... Instead he spent **most of His life** needing to clear up misconceptions and wrong ideas about Him & His mission.



1. The Boy Jesus in the Temple

Luk 2:41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

Luk 2:42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast.

Luk 2:43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it;

Luk 2:44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

Luk 2:45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

Luk 2:46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

Luk 2:47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

Luk 2:48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."



Luk 2:49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

Luk 2:50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

Luk 2:51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

2. Christ Came to Fulfill the Law

Mat 5:17 "**Do not think** (KJV - **Think not**) that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did **not** come to destroy but to fulfill.

Mat 5:18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

Mat 5:19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

3. Not Peace, but a Sword

Mat 10:34 "**Do not think** that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

Mat 10:35 For I have come to 'SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, & A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW

Mat 10:36 and 'A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THOSE OF HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD.'

Mat 10:37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Mat 10:38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Mat 10:39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

4. The Request of James and John

Mar 10:42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

Mar 10:43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

Mar 10:44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

Mar 10:45 For even the Son of Man **did not come to be served**, but to serve, and to **give His life** a ransom for many."



5. Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

Mat 12:1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, & began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

Mat 12:2 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!"

Mat 12:3 But He said to them, "**Have you not read** what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:

Mat 12:4 how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat,

nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?

Mat 12:5 Or **have you not read** in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?

Mat 12:6 Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple.

Mat 12:7 But if you had known what this means, 'I DESIRE MERCY & NOT SACRIFICE,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.

Mat 12:8 For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

6. Jesus Calls Levi

Luk 5:27 After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me."

Luk 5:28 So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.

Luk 5:29 Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them.

Luk 5:30 And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

Luk 5:31 Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

Luk 5:32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

7. Witnesses to Jesus (John the Baptist, the Father, & Moses)

Joh 5:37 And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.

Joh 5:38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe

Joh 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

Joh 5:40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

8. The Purpose of the Parables

Mat 13:10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

Mat 13:11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

Mat 13:12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

Mat 13:13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

Mat 13:14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'HEARING YOU WILL HEAR AND SHALL NOT UNDERSTAND, AND SEEING YOU WILL SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE;

Mat 13:15 FOR THE HEARTS OF THIS PEOPLE HAVE GROWN DULL. THEIR EARS ARE HARD OF HEARING, AND THEIR EYES THEY HAVE CLOSED, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM.'

Mat 13:16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;

Mat 13:17 for assuredly, I say to you that **many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.**

9. Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection (Peter just praised for knowing Jesus is Son)

Mat 16:21 From that time **Jesus began to show to His disciples** that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

Mat 16:22 Then **Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him**, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

Mat 16:23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."





10. Woman Taken in Adultery

Joh 8:1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

Joh 8:2 Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them.

Joh 8:3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst,

Joh 8:4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act.

Joh 8:5 **Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?"**

Joh 8:6 This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

Joh 8:7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."

Joh 8:8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

Joh 8:9 Then those who heard it, **being convicted by their conscience**, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

Joh 8:10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

Joh 8:11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "**Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.**"

11. Christ the Wisdom and Power of God

1Co 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1Co 1:19 For it is written: "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND BRING TO NOTHING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRUDENT."

1Co 1:20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

1Co 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

1Co 1:22 For **Jews request a sign**, and **Greeks seek after wisdom**; 23 but **we preach Christ crucified**, to the **Jews a stumbling block** and to the **Greeks foolishness**,

1Co 1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1Co 1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

12. Come to Me, and I Will Give You Rest

Mat 11:25 At that time Jesus answered & said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven & earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise & prudent & have revealed them to babes

Mat 11:26 Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

Mat 11:27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

Mat 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Mat 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and **learn from Me**, for I am **gentle** and **lowly** in heart, and you will find **rest** for your souls.

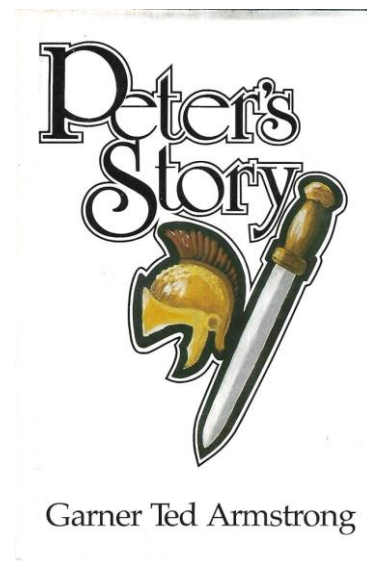
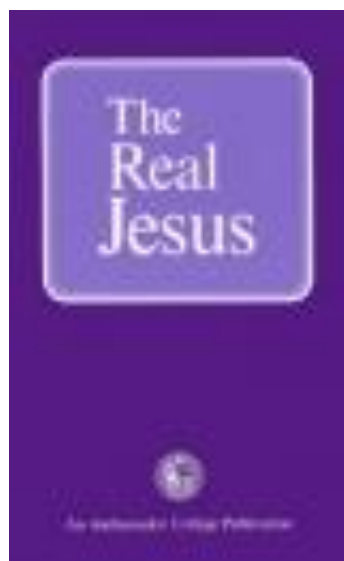
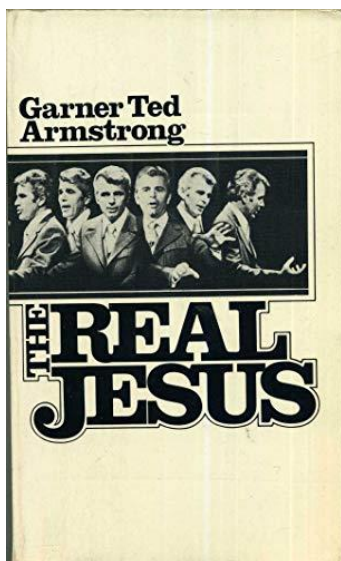
Mat 11:30 For **My yoke is easy and My burden is light.**"

Mat 23:4 For they (*scribes and the Pharisees*) bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, (KJV **grievous** to be borne) - and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

Mat 7:14 (NASB) "For the gate is small and the way is narrow (NKJV - difficult) that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Luk 13:24 "**Strive** to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

MEET THE REAL JESUS (Ad for the book)



It's time you met the real Jesus.

It's time you knew Him as He was: sometimes brusque, abrupt and authoritative. Always thoughtful, philosophical and profound.

It's time you knew that Jesus could be the kindest and most gentle human being on earth, showing boundless love, mercy and forgiveness to those who genuinely asked for it and were in

a repentant spirit. But it is time to recognize that Jesus could also radiate blazing anger and could hurl swift, incisive indictments at all posturing egotists, self-righteous religionists, simpering crowd followers, or even at His own beloved disciples when they got out of line.

It's time you knew that Jesus perspired just as you do; that He grew desperately hungry and tired; that He almost starved to death on one terrible occasion; that He suffered through the entire panorama of human temptations, passions and emotions which are common to us all; that He enjoyed food and drink; that He appreciated feminine beauty.

It's time you knew that Christ could cry, shout, laugh and sing; that He could enjoy the rough camaraderie of men of His own age in an out-of-doors camp, or appreciate the glittering setting of fabulous feasts in the most palatial of estates.

It's time that you realized that Jesus was not a vagabond; that He was a professional builder in the construction business, combining the technology of "modern," first-century engineering with the art of the skilled craftsman.

It's time you knew the Jesus who was admired by officers high in the Roman army, who became a puzzle to Pilate, who was hated by the Pharisees, greatly beloved by His disciples, held in awe by the masses, detested by Judas, deeply admired by a proud mother, intensely loved by John, rebuked by Peter, and who was just as intensely human as you are.

Few know that Jesus was not born on or anywhere near December 25;

—that, as a boy, Jesus learned a profession; that He became the senior member in a construction partnership; that He owned at least one and probably two homes of His own; that He paid taxes.

—that Jesus slept indoors most of His life and frequently spent the night in the homes of very wealthy people, including Romans as well as religious opponents.

—that He was a personal friend of con artists, soldiers, fishermen, cheats, liars, thieves, crooked politicians, religious leaders and prostitutes.

—that Jesus did not come to save the world some two thousand years ago, that He has not been trying to save it since, and that He is not trying to save it today.

—that Jesus did not die of a broken heart; that He was not crucified on "Good Friday"; that He was not resurrected on "Easter Sunday"; that neither Jesus nor His disciples ever celebrated (or taught anyone to celebrate) Christmas or Easter.

—that Jesus had to prove to doubting disciples by incontrovertible evidence that He had truly been resurrected.

—that Jesus Christ is alive today, is planning to return to earth and has actually begun His **"countdown" from heaven!**

If your own values are those of the common person, the real Jesus may insult you, shock you, please you, challenge you, inspire you, surprise you, make you wonder. But He will never bore you.

