

10 Things You May Not Know About Jesus

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1 – He didn't give a straight answer very often. A few examples:

- In Matthew 22, when his opponents try to trap him with questions on who should pay taxes, Jesus says "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God."
- In Matthew 9, when asked about fasting, he talks of weddings and wine skins.
- In Mark 12, he is questioned about the resurrection of the dead and never answers the direct question, but he certainly lets his opponents know they are clueless about it all.



2 – Jesus isn't the only person to die and then come back to life again days later (even though He is the only one to do so by His choice and power).

- Elijah raises a widow's son from the dead in 1 Kings 17.
- Elisha raises a woman's son from the dead in 2 Kings 4.
- A man is raised from the dead when his corpse touches Elisha's bones in 2 Kings 13.
- The bodies of many saints are raised after Jesus dies in Matt 27:50-53
- Jesus raises several people from the dead (e.g., Lazarus, Widow's son, etc.)
- Peter raises a woman from the dead in Acts 9:40-41.

3 – Jesus' relatives don't easily accept all his teachings.

- "When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."" -Mark 3:21
- "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." – Mark 6:4

4 – Jesus is considered a rebel, but was greatly misunderstood.

- "The Son of Man came eating and drinking and they said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'" -Matt 11:19
- "The Jews answered and said to him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan 20 and are possessed?" – John 8:48
- "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him." -Mark 6:3

5 – Jesus had bad days.

- "And Jesus wept." -John 11:35 (shortest verse in the Bible)
- In Matthew 14 Jesus hears of his cousin's death (John the baptist) and tries to go away by himself.

- In Mark 10 the rich young man walks away from Jesus after He is called to change his life.
- In Matt 8 Jesus is so exhausted He doesn't even wake up when a storm nearly kills Him. Then His apostles doubt His power.

6 – Jesus isn't always “nice”.

- In John 2 he turned over money-changers' table and drove them out of the temple with a whip.
- “Knowing their malice, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?” – Matt 22:18
- “Jesus said in reply, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long will I be with you and endure you?” – Luke 9:41
- In Matthew 15 he insults a woman calling her a “dog”.

7 – Jesus would have been considered a country boy to his contemporaries.

- He was from a small town of Nazareth that wasn't well thought of.
- ““Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.” -John 1:46

8 – Jesus needed time alone to pray.

- “But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” -Luke 5:16
- “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.” -Mark 1:35
- “One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.” -Luke 6:12

9 – Jesus family history (see Matt ch. 1) had some shady people in it.

- Rahab was a prostitute (see the book of Joshua).
- King David was a murderer and adulterer (see 2 Samuel)
- Several others in his genealogy did some pretty bad things including idolatry and incest. Luckily Jesus is like us in all things, but sin.

10 – Jesus laughed, had fun, and had a good sense of humor/irony.

- He had so much fun, some called him a drunk! “ The Son of man has come eating and drinking; and you say, ‘Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’”-Luke 7:34
- In the beatitudes, he said “blessed are those that mourn, for one day you will laugh”
- There are so many examples of irony, I will only give one – “Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit.” – Matt 15:14

Maybe there are some other things some might not know about Jesus – you might add in the comments. Did I mention that nobody knows exactly what he looked like?