

Let's Talk About Jesus!

Acts 17

Thessalonica 1-9

Berea 10-14

Athens 15-34

Do we worship the same God?

1. Jesus is the message and the method.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 20:21 As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.

The incarnation is not only a doctrine to be believed, it is a life to be lived.

2. Paul patterned his message and method after Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:1-2 ¹Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ. ²Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions just as I delivered them to you.

Philippians 3: 7 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

Galatians 4:12 Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I became like you.

1 Thessalonians 1:6-7 ⁶And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 ⁷But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. ⁸So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

2 Thessalonians 3:7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us.

1 Timothy 1:14-17

3. The Jesus/Paul model is not only descriptive, it is prescriptive.