

# JESUS' HONOR

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MAIN IDEA: Jesus is worthy and deserving of our honor

MAGIC: SHAME TO HONOR magic

## INTRODUCTION

I am greatly humbled by the honor shown me in India.

You carry my bags

Give me the best seats

Feed me

Praise me

**(include antidotal recent example as story)**

Yet I have done nothing to deserve such honor

I am a Christian like you, seeking to love serve Jesus

## TRANSITION

HE is the one who deserves all the honor

That's why we worship and serve Him

His honor proven in 2 ways:

-by others who give Him honor

-by things He has done which are honorable

## I. JESUS' HONOR PROVEN

### A. ASCRIBED

**By OT quotes** Born in royal city of Bethlehem

***Matt 2:3-6*** When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" (Micah 5:2)

Heals and helps those who come to Him

***Matt 8:16-17*** When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases." (Isa 53:4)

**By God** at baptism, transformation

Calls Him "***My beloved Son***" (Mt 3:17; 17:5)

**By angels** in dreams to Mary, Joseph, magi, etc

JOSEPH = from Holy Spirit, 'Jesus' = 'Son of God'

MARY = **Luke 1:30-33** *Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."*

**By Jesus** who applied OT prophecies to self Mt 22:41-45;

### **By events at Jesus' death**

Earthquake, veil torn, graves open, executioner

**Matt 27:54** *When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"*

### **TRANSITION**

Honor is ascribed to Jesus

He also achieved honor by what He did

## **B. ACHIEVED**

**(tell some of these as stories to make more interesting, don't just read off laundry list)**

### **In life, as a Man**

Keep Jewish traditions, fast, feasts, etc.

Self-control, no sin

Honored parents, others

Obedience to God's will over own convenience

Not turn stones into bread

Wisdom in decisions, dealing with people

Acts of mercy, justice and courage

Forgave woman taken in adultery – not do it again!

Compassion on hungry (fed them),

sick (healed them)

demonized (freed them)

Teachings about high virtues

### **In life, as God**

Miracles,

**Mark 6:2-3** *When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles!"*

Healing cripples, lepers

feeding 3,000, 5,000,

deliverance of those demonized,

power over nature – stop storm on sea

death – back to life  
son of widow of Nain  
Jairus synagogue ruler daughter

## In death

**Shame before men** named, rejected, beat, criminal

**Shame before God** guilty of sin, all sin, our sin on Him

Courageous, esp facing death, trials, etc

In Gethsemane

Shameful death but handled it with honor

**Honor before men & God** - from his death

-it was voluntary

***John 10:17-18 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life — only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."***

-it benefited others

-if was a death fitting a victor, not a victim

-honors awarded him by others after death

Earthquake, soldier, God – resurrection, us

## TRANSITION

Jesus' honor is proven

-ascribed to Him by others

-achieved by His actions

## II. JESUS' HONOR APPLIED

Jesus is worthy of all honor and glory

How do we show Him honor?

### A. ACCEPT HIM - salvation

We show Him honor when we ACCEPT HIS FREE GIFT

**PLAN OF SALVATION**

***He took our shame on the cross***

***– gives us His honor!!!***

### **SHAME TO HONOR MAGIC TRICK**

Done for us

REJECTING IT brings dishonor

TRYING TO PAY HIM for it insults Him –can't possibly pay a

**Me taught salvation by living good life – not so**

ADDING TO IT is impossible,

like saying He didn't do it good enough by Himself

**ME not think I deserve God's love so try to be  
good so have Him love me more  
Nothing I do can ever make Him love me more!  
Nothing I do can ever make Him love me less!**

## **B. TRUST HIM – discipleship**

We show Him honor when we TRUST HIM & LIVE FOR HIM

Shows we trust Him and His plan for us

Questioning, doubting, not trusting Him  
= dishonoring, shameful

Becoming like Him, following Him,

= shows we honor His greatness

Thinking we know better He isn't right = shame

Being committed to Him as a disciple

= honor Him by wanting to be like Him

Praying to Him for wisdom, guidance, direction

Learning to hear His voice, listen, trust

Trusting Him when in pain, sorrow = honors Him

Others see and know He is worthy in your eyes

**ME: TRUST Him to come to India - \$, health, family at  
home, lonely, what to say  
He is faithful each time – not easy but God with me**

## **C. SERVE HIM – daily life**

We show Him honor when we SERVE HIM EACH DAY

Obedying and living for Him = honor

Trying to get Him to do what we want, serve us  
= dishonor, He is not our servant!

Others see we honor Him by our lives

They bring honor in seeing our honor for Him

Telling others about Him = honor to Him

## **D. WORSHIP HIM – daily life**

We show Him honor when we WORSHIP AND PRAISE HIM

Focus is on Him and His greatness

Tell Him in prayer, song, etc., how we love Him

Others see us worship and know He honorable

## **CONCLUSION**

Do you believe Jesus is worthy of honor?

If so, do you show it?

Do you show it by having accepted His free gift of salvation?  
Do you trust Him no matter what happens in your life?  
Do you try to obey and serve Him in everything you do?  
Do you worship and praise Him?

