

Note: The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus has rescued us from our sins through His life and death on our behalf. Now, in thankfulness, it is our joy to live in Him and follow Him. Geoff Gurgel, a member of the study committee, shares some joyful and heartfelt thoughts about the privilege of growing in our walk with Jesus.

Do you think Jesus was smart?.....I bet you've never heard that question before? Or really thought about it?Well that's a problem.

We imitate the people we actually admire, and we respect their opinions on what is good to do. You do this everyday whether you know it or not.

(It can be embarrassing and humiliating to think about, but it is the way the Lord set it up.)

(Furthermore, other people can see who you are imitating, too- for good or bad)

Jesus was a wicked smart and ridiculously capable person. It was scary to be around Him because of His wisdom and power, but excellent to be around Him because He knew what to do in every situation. You knew He was totally competent, honest, and caring for those who trusted in him. This would have made, and does make us completely safe.

The Gospels are the records of men and women like us who met Him.

The world had never seen a person like Him. A man who was not only smart, competent, powerful, and good; but also able and willing to teach others how to become like Him.

Don't you want to be good and useful like our boy Jesus?..... I think you do.

The good news is He isn't dead and He is still enrolling disciples. You can get free schooling from The Master..... Better than Harvard, Princeton, or Yale; more power more prestige; no student loans. (100 percent placement) (Do you really believe this?) (What would your life look like if you did?)

This is what we are talking about with the new mission statement.

LIVING POWERFULLY IN JESUS.

Here are the next steps-

First- Keep this vision in mind:

Jesus is better than Abraham Lincoln, Albert Einstein, and Steve Jobs. If they were in a room together they would look to Him. (Whether they liked it or not, He couldn't be ignored.)

He knows what to do and has the resources of the Kingdom of the Heavens to carry out His work.

Next- Try saying this to The Lord High and Lifted Up:

"Lord teach me to admire your son and His beauty and brains and power.

Open my heart to desire to love what He loved and to see things how He sees things.

I know you are able to do this.

I know you want to do this.

Don't let me or any evil get in the way.

I wait on you."

Then- Look out...

