

**Are You
Ashamed of Jesus
And His Words?**

Mark 8:38

Following Jesus Christ...

- ...Can be costly
 - **Mark 8:34**, *“Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”*
 - *Requires self denial*
 - *Demands bearing hardship*
- ...Can be embarrassing
 - **Mark 8:38**, *“Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words... of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed”*

Don't Be Ashamed of Jesus

- Consider the words of these men
 - John, *“The lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”*, **John 1:29**
 - Nathaniel, *“The Son of God”*, **John 1:49**
 - Nicodemus, *“A teacher come from God”*, **John 3:2**
 - Peter, *“the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*, **John 6:69**
 - Paul, *“King of Kings, Lord of Lords”*, **1 Timothy 6:15**

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- Consider the words of Jesus
 - *“I am the bread of life”*, **John 6:35**
 - *“I am the light of the world”* **John 8:12**
 - *“I am the door”*, **John 10:9**
 - *“I am the good shepherd”*, **John 10:11**
 - *“I am the resurrection and the life”*,
John 11:25
 - *“I am the way, the truth, and the life”*,
John 14:6
 - *“I am the true vine”*, **John 15:1**

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- **Consider Jesus declaration...**

"I AM"

John 8:58

(The Eternal One, God)

Do Not Be Ashamed of Jesus

- Consider what others have said...
 - *“I am a historian, I am not a believer, but I confess as a historian that this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very center of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominate figure in history.”* ---H.G. Wells
 - *“Socrates taught for 40 years, Plato for 50, Aristotle for 40, and Jesus for only 3. Yet His influence transcends the greatest of all teachers.”*

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- *“Jesus painted not pictures; yet, some of the finest paintings of Raphael, Michelangelo, and da Vinci received their inspiration from Him.”*
- *“Jesus wrote no poetry; but Dante, Milton, and scores of great poets were inspired by him.”*
- *“Jesus composed no music; still Haydn, Handel, Beethoven & other greats reached their highest perfection composing in his praise.” ---H. Bosch*

Do Not Be Ashamed of Jesus

- Many are ashamed because...
 - He taught and warned about hell
 - **Matthew 10:28**, *“fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell”*
 - He taught He...only way to salvation
 - **John 8:24**, *“if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”* (**John 14:6**)
 - He taught only a few would be saved
 - **Matthew 7:14**, *“strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”*

Do Not Be Ashamed of Jesus

- Consider the power of Jesus' words
 - *“he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God”*, **John 3:34**
 - *“the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”*, **John 6:63**
 - Peter to Jesus, *“thou hast the words of eternal life.”*, **John 6:68**
 - *“the word I have spoken...shall judge him in the last day.”*, **John 12:48**

Conclusion of the Matter

- **Do Not Be Ashamed of Jesus...**
 - Consider the words of those who saw Him and walked with Him
 - Consider who He is as professed by Jesus Himself
 - Consider what others have said
 - Consider that many are ashamed
 - Consider the Power of His Words

How can anyone be ashamed of Him?