

THE WRONG SAVIOR PT. 2
MEEK AND LOWLY

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- **Jesus was not narcissistic. He was not into self fulfillment and showing Himself to others. The Bible said He was meek, which is power under control. *Matt. 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.***
- **Many pastors and leaders want to flaunt their authority and lord over others. They point to Christ claiming His authority in God as a reason to elevate themselves above others. *Phil. 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.***
- **Christ is King, but not because of the earthly way he lived and carried Himself. He is King because He is the only begotten Son of God. His earthly possessions and accomplishments did not make Him Lord. *Matt. 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.***



- Though Christ had the power to do anything, He only did what His Father desired of Him. This is how we are to function if we are Christlike. *John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.*
- Desiring to be better than others is pride and goes against what Christ taught us in the Word. God's authority is what gives us positioning, not our desire to be better than others. *Prov. 21:4 An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.*
- Jesus spoke against the leaders of His time because He had the truth of the Word and God's assignment supporting Him. It had nothing to do with what others thought of Him. *Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*



- When Jesus was tempted, the Devil tempted Him to do things that were self exalting and would show others how powerful He was. The enemy knew that pride would make Him fall. *Prov. 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*
- Jesus refused to use His power to prove Himself. This was a slap in the face to the devil because Satan's main weapon is causing people to use their authority to prove themselves to others. *Luke 14:11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*
- The phrase "get behind me" suggested to the devil that your way is not my way and I will not follow your lead. Jesus checked Him and exemplified how we should all deal with the requests of the enemy. *James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*



Summary

Jesus was meek and lowly not grandiose and showy! Though modern day preachers try to make Christ like them, He is not a show off and never used His power to belittle others. His garments were not fashionable and His shoes were not top of the line. He was not concerned about His appearance and He didn't need earthly possessions to prove His spiritual authority. He loved those that needed Him and He challenged those that were against Him. He didn't use His race or skin color to feel better than anyone, but He spoke truth to all men and the truth made them free. His words gained Him a following and caused men to change their hearts for God. He spoke with power and He lived a clean life as an example of how we should all live.

Though we may have nice things and are blessed with great possessions, these things should never be used to show our authority or prove our worth. Being consistent in the Word should be the only reason we have an audience. Upholding the truth without variance or compromise shows others that we are with God, not what we drive or where we live! Just like the devil tested Jesus to find a weakness in His disposition, he will come test us all just to unearth our true motives. When the enemy comes, we should respond just like Christ did. We should be willing to forgo an opportunity to show ourselves in order to show God and speak His Word.

Matt. 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Matt. 4:2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

Matt. 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Matt. 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matt. 4:5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

Matt. 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Matt. 4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Matt. 4:8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

Matt. 4:9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Matt. 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Matt. 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.