

Chapter 14: The Sufficient Jesus with Sufficient Scripture. (Q&A in the Bible on Who Is Jesus?)



Church history is packed with false tangents and diversions as movements and people take insufficient Scriptures and “go everywhere preaching”. Such is the case with the contemplative mystics, the Gnostics, the practitioners of hedonism, liberals, Scofield mites, and paganism. When insufficient Scripture is the trademark of any ministry, movement, Christian leader or

follower, the Christian self-image approaches that of the unbeliever, a self-image equated with the “pride of life”. Pride of life along with the other lust of the flesh and lust of the eyes are forbidden by God the Holy Spirit through the Apostle John as love gone astray, a love of and for the world that is not of God the Father, that does not last, and certainly does not provide eternal life. That kind of love, the love of the world in any of its aspects, is not from God the Father; it is of the world and the world will pass away. It is only He that does the will of God who will live in this life and forever.

Granted even while we are not in worldly like church nightclubs as the Bible says, “Now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face; now we see in part but then we shall see as we also are seen.” We wait for the Second Coming to be like Jesus, to see Him as He really is, to have the ultimate example of Jesus to look upon and then have a perfect image of Jesus to replace our self-image. The real struggle with the Goliaths of life comes not from humanizing Jesus to be like a David, but from maximizing our Sufficient Scripture as a concrete basis on the Jesus as the God-Man, on the Son of Man as He liked to call Himself and on the Son of God as God the Father identified Jesus as.

14-1: The Lord Jesus Christ of Ephesians.

Perhaps you noticed in Chapter 13 of the nine mentions of the name of “Jesus” every one of them is accompanied by one other or both of His 3 names. It is suggested to the Passion Movement and willing followers that they do the same; that is put the name Lord and Christ back into their worship, into Christianity and religion, and into their life. If the All Scripture Movement and approach to Bible is utilized, there is no doubt the self-image of IN CHRIST will be the Lord Jesus Christ of the Bible. In a quick survey to make sure we have the right Jesus, continuing in Ephesians beyond the Ephesians 2:7 verse left off in chapter 13, we will expand and blow of mind as we wrap around Bible knowledge, wisdom, and understanding about the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. What a marvelous self-image we are allowed to have in Ephesians 2:10, a self-image in Christ Jesus, thinking also of Colossians, “Let this mind (or self-image) be in you which was also in Christ.” Later we will get back to some emphasis of Evangelist Thompson of the Hard Times ministry which gets away from a mushy Jesus to a Christ Jesus of real good works.

NOTE: If it has not already been stated, it is now that the Greek word for Christ is the OT equivalent of the Messiah, first mentioned in the OT by Moses in Deuteronomy when he states God will send another Prophet like Him and then in the famous Messiah passages of Isaiah and Handel's Messiah is the suffering servant, the savior, and the means of the atonement, alias one with Christ, of the cross.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them..."

Sorry folks, you do not get Jesus apart from the Lord Jesus Christ of the Bible, the only real Lord Jesus Christ. You can make one up for a short worship time, one that gives pleasure or a false challenge, but that will not and cannot last. Recommended the Christ Jesus above in Ephesians 2:10: (1) the Christ Jesus where you had your second creation, the first of course was when God created you through birth as a person and the second is when you experienced the new birth if indeed as Paul states in the famous Ephesians 4 section, if indeed to heard Him and learned of Him, then you would not behave like the culture of young people around you; (2) it is not us but Christ working in us, God's workmanship twice, "and the life we now live in the flesh we live by the faith of the Son of God..."; (3) and why are we created in Christ Jesus, the answer is obvious, "Created in Christ Jesus for good works".

We always go about each day further Learning Christ if we had to first good beginning of the 9-month new birth. Remember the parable of the seed and the sower, where three-fourths of all seed of the Word of God, that sown by Passion or anyone, is unfruitful, even from the Apostle Paul. Satan snatches away instantly so much seed, some is killed by the cares of this world, and some just plain falls on barren ground resulting in children of the world instead of children of God and Christ. This seems to be an appropriate time to remember and remind of the Learn Christ passage of Ephesians and why it is necessary because of the society and culture of this world that we live in—

2. An Immunity to your culture in order to properly Learn Christ for an IN CHRIST and integrated self-image.
 - a. First the proper way to Learn Christ.

"But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness." (Ephesians 4:20-24 NJKV)

- b. Do not be influenced by others in the world, the culture around you. (Remember "walk" in Ephesians is for a life style.)

"This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness." (Ephesians 4:17-19 NJKV)

14-2: There are 7 total “Lord Jesus Christ” in Ephesians listed below and working backwards as we have the need to progress farther along in the 6 chapters of Ephesians.

1. First Ephesians 6:24, and why do you think Paul added to love our Lord Jesus Christ IN SINCERITY, do you think they also lived in a Passion Mystical Culture of Jesus pretence.

“Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.”

2. Peace, love and faith, and Christian brethren in Ephesians 6:23, and noted coming from where, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

3. Since our Lord Jesus Christ is to be Lord of life and the home and the body of Christ, in context, the next Lord Jesus Christ of Ephesians 5:20 is considered in the larger context of 5:17-23. You might a larger context of sufficient scripture for a sufficient Lord Jesus Christ.
(A reminder that many of the Passion Movement are of the feminist variety that rebel and teach against the how to Learn a Christ life style here by walking that way.)

17 Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the Lord’s will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

4. And the Lord Jesus Christ of 3:11 and Christ Jesus of 3:21 just have to be considered in the total more sufficient Scriptural context of 3:10-21, that of:

“To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church {for convenience of thought, you might think as you should of THE church a larger body than your own local church, and about the same as the saints to whom “the faith once for all has been delivered”) the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:10-21 KJV)

14-3: And if you can handle that much Sufficient Meat of the Word, we should get into more depth with Q&A on Who is Jesus from the Gospels. (we need all the Bible for a sufficient Jesus)

1. Who Is Jesus well done by George W. Truett. We must like his three points of Jesus was either good, bad, or what He claimed to be, the Son of God.

On this most critical question that any of God's creatures can be asked, according to the Book which God has written, is WHO IS JESUS? If you have the opportunity, you may want to listen to "Who Is Jesus?" from one of the greatest preachers that has ever lived, one George W. Truett, and from back in the days when southern Baptists were really southern Baptist. Or you can read a book of sermons from Truett with this message in it; that is, unless the BBFs¹ have not already removed it from the Lifeway book stores.

2. Who Is Jesus? from John 6-10.

We will look at this sectional Bible Study on, "Who IS JESUS?", in terms of Who Jesus said that He was to His contemporaries; in terms of what the Apostle John wrote who He was to them; and to terms of the different reactions and divisions among the people and the leaders as to who Jesus was. This will assist in the understanding from the Bible of what the conditions are for the rest of God. We will see primarily in the reactions of the Jews of Christ's day how most did not meet those conditions of eternal rest, and why. Note how intense it is in this five chapters of John, from chapter six to ten. Jesus does a lot of teaching and Jesus performs miracles; but everything He says unless it is in private to the disciples is challenged, from the Jewish leaders, the people, and even His brothers. We find during the events of these five chapters that many of the disciples that followed Jesus around--some looking for a permanent way to be fed--ceased to follow Him. They could not understand how He was the bread of life. They choked at eating His flesh as the means for everlasting life. In fact, one of the many reactions of the people was, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" Jesus explained that to His larger group of disciples, but many still left following Him. {NOTE: And now we will complete this Bible study with a combination of signs or works with the diverse reactions of the people. It is felt that the same reactions of the people in the First Century is the same as the reactions that are possible to people today. And that these are in certain categories.}

(R1) The Jewish Leaders Murmured because Jesus said that He was the Bread of Life and that He came down from heaven.

"The Jews then murmured against Him, because He said, 'I am the bread which came down from heaven.'" (John 6:41)

¹Bible Baptists Fundamentalists that now control the Southern Baptist Convention.

The first reaction we considered is in John 6:41 where the Jewish leaders reacted because Jesus called Himself the Bread of Life and said that He came down from heaven. So, this is a reaction to the teaching sign of Jesus of the bread of life that followed the miracle sign of the feeding of the Five Thousand. The sign of course of the feeding of five thousand pointed to Jesus as the Bread of Life. They had investigated this Jesus of Nazareth more than they admitted. Why He is the son of Joseph, we know His Father and Mother. Once again as He heard the murmuring among the leaders, Jesus reminded them that they could not come to Him unless the Father draw them.

(R2) Some of the Jews quarreled among themselves as to how Jesus could give them His flesh and blood to eat, and many of the disciples said this is a hard saying.

"The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this Man give us His flesh to eat? These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. Therefore, many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, 'This is a hard saying; who can understand it?'" (John 6:52,60 NJKV)

Does this offend you. And He explains how it is the Spirit, the Holy Spirit that gives life.

(R3) Many disciples went back and walked no more with Jesus, but Simon Peter made the famous confession of Faith. (John 6:66 and 68,69).

"From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, 'Do you also want to go away?' Then Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also, we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" (John 6:66-69 NJKV)

(R4) The brothers chastised Jesus for not making more public appearances: At this point even, the brothers of Jesus did not believe in Him (John 7:5). Jesus was walking openly in Galilee more than Judea because the Jews sought to kill Him. And when it was close to time for the Feast of Tabernacles, his brothers chastised Him for not going at first in order that the larger body of disciples could see His works. "Show yourself to the world," was their words.

"For even His brothers did not believe in Him." (John 7:5 NJKV)

(R5) Seeking of Jesus by Jews, and Murmuring among the people that He is Good and others that He deceived the People. (John 7:12). Later we will come to a series of three questions from the Pharisees. Here we have some of the Jews, that is Jewish leaders asking, "Where is He?" They were actively seeking Him and could not find Him. Of course, their motives already were to persecute and kill Jesus. Already the Jews had placed the people on notice that if anyone believed in Jesus, since it was heresy, they would be put out of the Temple; so, the people "murmured among themselves" in a semi-

whisper. Some murmured, "Jesus is Good." Others murmured, "No, Jesus is not good because He deceives the people."

"And there was much murmuring among the people concerning Him. Some said, 'He is good'; others said, 'No, on the contrary, He deceives the people.' However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews." (John 7:12,13)

(R6) The Jewish leaders as Jesus taught in the Temple marveled about where Jesus received His education (John 7:15,16), and Jesus explains where His doctrine or teachings come from.

"And the Jews marveled, saying, 'How does this Man know letters, having never studied?' Jesus answered them and said, 'My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether I speak on My own authority.'" (John 7:15-17 NJKV)

(R7) Some People Replied that Jesus had a Demon because He said that the leaders were trying to kill Him (John 7:20,21), because of one work they were trying to kill Him. Others from Jerusalem said this is He that they seek to kill (John 7:25ff); is this Christ, but we know where He is from.

"The people answered and said, 'You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'I did one work, and you all marvel.'" (John 7:20,21 NJKV)

This was back at Jerusalem where they knew primarily of only one miracle-sign, that of the healing of the man on the sabbath at the pool of Bethesda.

(R8) They sought to take Him but could not as it be not time (John 7:30); but many believed (7:31) when they saw the Signs that He performed. The Pharisees and chief priests sent officers of the Sanhedrin to take Him as they heard what the people were saying about Jesus (John 7:32).

"Then they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. And many of the people believed in Him, and said, 'When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done. The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him.'" (John 7:31,32 NJKV)

(R9) On the Last day of the Feast as Jesus spoke of the Living water (John 7:37-39) the reactions were diverse: may said this is the Prophet; many said this is Christ; others will Christ come out of Galilee; and there was a division among the People (John 7:43) Since this is the most positive reaction of the crowd in Jerusalem to the Teachings of Jesus, we should look at it carefully.

14-4: What did Jesus teach them?

1. Let those that are thirsty come to Him;
2. Who believes in Jesus out of his heart, according to the Scripture (Isaiah 12:3,43:20,44:3, and 55:1), would flow rivers of living water.
3. John explains this phenomenon of water out of the heart as the Holy Spirit, which was not yet come, did come on the first day of Pentecost after the Ascension.

"Therefore, many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, 'Truly this is the Prophet.' Others said, 'This is the Christ,' but some said, 'Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?' So, there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him." (John 8:40-44 NJKV)

(R10) The Sign of Jesus forgiving the woman in adultery pointed to His teaching as the Light of the Word, and the reaction of the Pharisees was that He was a witness to Himself (John 8:13).

"The Pharisees therefore said to Him, 'You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true.'" (John 8:13 NJKV)

(R11) A series of questions: from the Pharisees, "Where is your Father?" (John 8:19); from the Jews, "Will He kill Himself?" (John 8:22); from the Jews, "Who are you?" (John 8:25)8-13: (R13) But many believed on Him when they heard His answer (John 8:30). Here is the crux of the whole matter as to how the world has accepted Jesus, how we should accept Jesus. These three key questions, His answers, and then the final answer about His lifting up caused many to believe on Him. Following is the intense sequence.

(1). What triggered the first question: the Pharisees stated that His testimony to Himself, when He said "I am the light of the world" was not true because He was His own witness. In other words, He was patting Himself on the back.

(2). Jesus replied that He knew where He came from and where He was going back to; then reminded them of the law of the Old Testament which said that the testimony was true from two men; and the conclusion was since the Father and Himself bore testimony to Him as the Light of the World, the testimony was true.

(3). The Pharisees could not let it stand there, and the first question in this series came, "Who is your Father?" Always the questions were attempts to trap Jesus. Jesus answered the question in two parts (John 8:19-21): (1) You don't know the Father and you don't know me or stated a different way If you had known the Father you would

also know Jesus, the two go hand in hand; and (2) I am leaving, Jesus said, and you will seek me for salvation, but you will die in your sins since you cannot come where I go.

(4). This triggered the second question in that series of three, again from the Pharisees, and among themselves but so that the people and Jesus could hear, "Will he kill himself?" They tried to start the rumor that Jesus was going to commit suicide. This question came after Jesus said where I am going you cannot come. Jesus answer this time was once again the heart of the Gospel: (1) You are from this world and I am from another world; (2) You will die in your sins because you do not believe that I am He.

(5). This in turn triggered the third question from the Pharisees, probably the most important question that can ever be asked and then answered properly. Let us see what the answer of Jesus is? First the third question, "WHO ARE YOU?" "Who are you, Jesus?" is the most important question than any human on earth can ask. The answer of Jesus is:

a. Exactly what I have been saying to you from the beginning, no doubt the beginning of His ministry.

b. I have many things to say and to Judge of you; but as God is true, I speak to the world the things that I heard from Him. Jesus says that He is only an echo of the Father. What He heard, He repeated! (The Apostle John adds that they did not know that He spoke of the Father since He used the words "He" and "Him".)

c. Then comes the Gospel of the Atonement, and herein is found the condition for eternal rest as God the Father set it up. Jesus said that when you have lifted up the Son of Man then you will know who He is; and that nothing is done by Jesus except what the Father taught Him (the implication here being that it is also recorded by the Father in the Scriptures of the Old Testament). The Father is with Him at all times.

d. As He spoke these words many believed on Him. Belief is the condition of eternal rest, and the reason most of the house of Israel after 40 years of testing God in the wilderness could not enter eternal rest, or even the Promised Land of Israel, was because of "an evil heart of unbelief", naturally the opposite on belief.

"As He spoke these words, many believed in Him" (John 8:30 NJKV)

e. You know how Billy Graham seeks to instruct those who believe after they have made a public profession of faith. Well, here Jesus is doing the same thing. We have the Master Teacher telling us exactly what it means to be a Christian, what it means to have faith. [1] You are indeed my disciples if you abide in my word; and [2] You will know the truth and the truth will make you free.

(R12) Some of the believers mixed with the Pharisees were very questioning, they reacted that they were already free since Abraham's seed, never having been in bondage. (John 8:33). Probably more the Pharisees than the believers.

"They answered Him, 'We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, 'You will be made free.'" (John 8:33 NJKV)

They wanted to believe, but they did not want to be insulted. They were not slaves to anybody including the despised Roman government that ruler over their country. So, Jesus explained what it meant to be in bondage and to be freed by the truth:

(R13) The Jews called Him a Samaritan and a Demon (John 8:48); then after His replies took up stones to stone Him (John 8:59).

(R14) The Pharisees became divided after Jesus performed the miracle-sign of healing the man blind from birth, some said that He could not be of God since He did not keep the sabbath, and others said how can a man that is a sinner do these signs.

"Therefore, some of the Pharisees said, 'This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How can a man who is sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them." (John 9:16)

We should carefully note the reaction of the man healed and then that of the Pharisees who cast him out of the Temple. **{There are more reactions from this sign in John 10:19-21}**

(R16) Reaction to the If you are Christ tell us plainly; and I and My Father are one; as they took up stones to stone Him. (John 10:22-42). We have a summary of reactions in the next section in Tabular form as some believe and others try to stone Jesus.

14-5: Conclusion, A Summary of What They Said About Jesus. Somewhere you may find yourself and your answers to Jesus. After all, it is what you say about Jesus that counts for your eternal rest in salvation.

TABLE 1. People Reactions to Jesus' Signs (these signs primarily teachings)

Location	Group	Reaction	What Jesus Said/Did to Trigger
8-1: John 6:41	Jews	Murmured Against Jesus	Said "I am the Bread of Life"
8-2: John 6:52	Some of the Jews	Quarreled Among Themselves	Said "Bread that I give is my flesh"

6:60	Many of larger group disciples	Said, "A Hard Saying" and "Who Can Understand It"	"Eat my Flesh and Drink My Blood"
8-3: John 6:66	Many of larger group disciples	Went back and walked no more with Jesus made confession of faith lead by Peter	(1) if you see the Ascension; (2) words are spirit and life;
6:69	12 disciples		(3). some do not believe that the Father has not granted
8-4: John 7:3-5	Jesus' brothers	Chastised His lack of public appearances in Jerusalem	Stayed in Galilee more than Judea
8-5: John 7:11	Jews The People	"Where Is He?" "He is good" vs "No, He deceives the people." (murmured for fear of the Jews)	Delayed His trip to Jerusalem
7:12,13			
8-6: John 7:15	Jews	Marveled, where is His learning	Jesus Taught in the Temple
8-7: John 7:20	The People	Answered, "You have a demon, who is seeking to kill you."	Moses gave you the law and you seek to kill Me.
8-8: John 7:25-27	Residents of Jerusalem	(1). This One speaking openly is the One the Jews seek to kill, "do they know this is the Christ; (2). We know where this Man is from: when Christ comes no one knows where He is from.	Mentions the one miracle in Jerusalem: the man at Bethesda Urges righteous judgment as they circumcised on the sabbath

8-9: John 7:30- 32,45,46	"they" Many of people Pharisees Officers	sought to take Him believed in Him and said, "will Christ do more signs than this" Pharisees and chief priests sent officers of the court to arrest Him "No man ever spoke like this"	You know Me and where I am from, but not the One who sent me Thirst, everlasting life, and the Spirit
8-10: John 7:40-53	Many of crowd Some of people officers Pharisees Nicodemus Pharisees everyone	"Truly, this is the Prophet" or "This is the Christ" or "Will Christ come out of Galilee?" there was a division among people wanted to take Jesus "no man ever spoke like this" "are you also deceived; have rulers or Pharisees believed "the crowd does not know the law and is accursed" "does our law judge a man before listening and seeing" no prophet comes out of Galilee everyone went to his house	Discourse on living waters out of the heart from Old Testament, and John later explains as Holy Spirit
8-11: John 8:13	Pharisees	Since you witness of yourself, your witness is not true.	Jesus discourse on "I am the Light" and followers do not walk in darkness

8-12: John 8:19,22, and 25	Pharisees and Jews	"Where is Your Father?" "Will He kill Himself?" "Who are You?"	I and My Father are the two witnesses that bear testimony
8-13: John 8:30 and 33	Pharisees mixed with some that believed	many believed they answer, as Abraham's descendants have never been in bondage	told of lifting up and Father with told of need to be free with truth

14-6: : Three skeptical questions from the agnostics who claimed to be children of Abraham and of God. {Sort of ironical since Jesus came from residing in heaven with God. He knew God, and He knew the people of God!)

The people seldom, if ever, reacted adversely to the miracles as that did something for them: they reacted to the teachings because that required something from them. Now the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders did react to the miracles as that caused the people to leave them to follow Jesus. We should look at the sequence of questions from the Jewish leaders, and the answers of Jesus.

1. **"Where Is He?" (John 7:11)** The answer of Jesus was by showing up during the middle of the feast time.
2. **"How did This Man Get an Education?" (John 7:15)** Jesus explained to them that His doctrine or teachings came from the God that sent Him, and that anyone that was actually seeking God's will they could tell whether it was from God or not. If it comes from a man himself, it is for his own glory; but it is true if the doctrine seeks the glory of the One that sent Him.
3. **"Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks" after he said, "You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come?"**

