

What We Don't See In Jesus

Much is stated in the Biblical record that the disciples saw as they walked with the Lord in His ministry. Sermons have been preached about these; books have been written about these; and since Jesus still lives, although not visibly in His form of 2000 years ago, more mighty works are still being accomplished in our world today. We can still see and experience what He is doing. We can still hear His voice. Thank God! But also very important are the things we Don't see in Him. Sometimes I think we don't appreciate these as much.

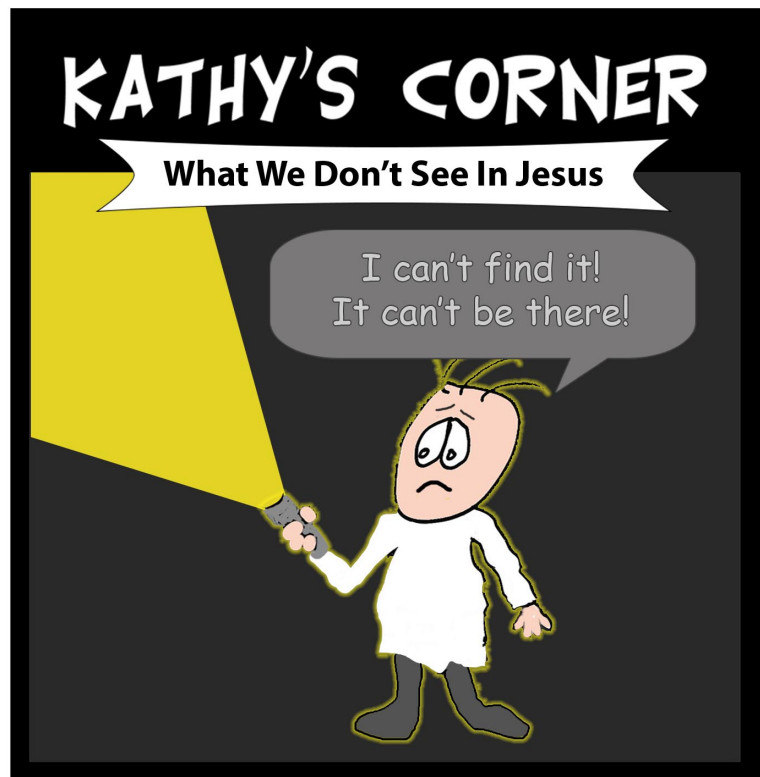
So, **what don't we see in Jesus.** The obvious first thing is sin. This sets Him apart from all others who have lived on this planet. He is holy! We hear in many of our praise songs about His holiness. We sing of it. Before His public ministry, the record shows His temptation in the wilderness. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life didn't turn Him. Before Jesus went to the cross He said that the devil had no place in Him. Holiness just might be more about what isn't in us, as we are set apart for Him—"a life for a life."

I think holiness isn't well understood, and I think sin isn't taken seriously enough, even by believers. Sin, present in us, but hopefully not practiced by us; but absent from Him. Maybe we can "feel" it better if it is listed, as it is several places in the Bible. Paul listed sins in Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Romans 1:28-32.

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (NKJV) —a fairly thorough list!

Jesus also had a list in Mark 7:20-23 He said, **"What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man."** (NKJV)

If even one of these were found in Jesus, could we say that He is holy? Could we say that He is good? It is because of His holiness and His goodness that we can know Him as the Son of God, and trust Him!



So, that covers the obvious of what we don't see in Jesus; but **what else don't we see in Jesus?** We don't see compromise or cowardice, lying, self-glorification, unbelief; He is not slothful, but always purposeful; He is not a respecter of persons; He is never intimidated. He was never overcome by negative emotions. His Father's will was what He aligned Himself with, *willingly*.

He had emotions. He knew exactly what He was facing in the garden Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives. He cried over Jerusalem, and again at Lazarus' tomb.

He knew the thoughts in men's hearts—He didn't trust Himself to them. He didn't play their games when their questions weren't sincere, but were intended to trick Him. He knew when to ask in prayer, and when to command. He didn't ask the Father to deal with satan or his demons. He dealt directly. He could have been legalistic, and condemned the woman caught in adultery. He wasn't, and He didn't. He did not come to condemn, but to save. He could have called on the Father from the cross for thousands of angels to save Him, but it was always the Father's will over His own. He could have passed by you and me. He didn't; He led us to this assembly of people in process, progressing to become more like Him, taking what He has provided for us, and putting it into place. He gives us a peace that is not of this world, every victory is in Him.

We see no sin, no association with evil in Him.
Yet, even today, He continues to be blasphemed and hated without a cause.