

THE JESUS DILEMMA, Part 3

Half Empty Critics

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Matthew 12:22-24; Matthew 26:57-68

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**A critical mouth speaks from the overflow of a critical heart.
The criticized is not defined by the critic.
If Jesus was criticized, you should expect criticism.**

1. Attempts to _____ Jesus' miracles acknowledge that He performed them. *Matthew 12:22-24*

Jesus' critics claimed He had a demon. *Mark 3:22*
Jesus' response - Live with power.

2. The pursuit of _____ testimony proves that Jesus' word was truth. *Matthew 26:14-16; Matthew 26:57-68; Matthew 27:1-5*

Jesus' critics looked for ways to accuse Him. *Mark 3:2*
Jesus' critics tried to trap Him in His words. *Matthew 22:15-34*
Jesus' critics paid people to lie. *Matthew 26:14-16; Matthew 27:1-5*
Jesus' response - Live in truth.

The only reason someone attempts to prevent a truth to prevail is because they are threatened by that truth.

3. Attempts to stone Jesus for blasphemy prove He _____ to be God. *Matthew 26:65; Daniel 7*

Jesus claimed equality with God. *John 5:16-18*
Jesus claimed to be the 'I AM'. *Exodus 3; John 8:58*
Jesus claimed to be the Anointed One. *Luke 4:16-30*
Jesus forgave sin. *Luke 5:21; Mark 2:6*
Jesus accepts worship. *Matthew 8:1; John 9:38; Matthew 14:33*
Jesus' response - Live in relationship with God.

4. Plans to _____ Jesus' resurrection prove they feared an empty tomb. *Matthew 26:62-64*

Jesus' response - Live with eternal hope.

Notes:



Read the Bible in a year.

Don't forget to Read, Reflect and Respond.

MON - 2 Kings 7-9

FRI - 2 Kings 17-18

TUES - 2 Kings 10-12; John 1

SAT - 2 Kings 19-21

WED - 2 Kings 13-14; John 2

SUN - 2 Kings 22-23; John 4

THU - 2 Kings 15-16; John 3