

The Greatest of All Time

G.O.A.T. – Part 1

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The words of Jesus Christ at the end of His sermon on the mount...

Matthew 7:24-29 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." ²⁸When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teaching, ²⁹because He taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. NIV84

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"Jesus of Nazareth, without money and arms, conquered more millions than Alexander, Caesar, Mohammed, and Napoleon; without science and or advanced degrees, he shed more light on things human and divine than all philosophers, psychologist scientist and scholars combined; without the eloquence of schooled communicators, he spoke such words of life as were never spoken before or since, and produced effects which lie beyond the reach of orator or poet; without writing a single line, he set more pens in motion, and furnished themes for more sermons, orations, lectures, books and courses, works of art, and songs, than the whole all the great men of ancient and modern times. Born in lowest place - a manger, died in the lowest place - crucified with criminals, he now controls the destinies of the civilized world, and rules a empire which embraces two-thirds of the inhabitants of the globe today."

Philip Schaff The Person of Christ

Romans 8:28-30 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified. ESV

Don't Build on the Sinking Sand of Sinful Man

- Malware
- High Talent, Low Character

- Mixed Bags

Jesus Completely Exhausts, and Perfectly Harmonizes All Virtue and Grace

1. He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah

- Bold and strong but also humble and patient

2. He is rightly called the Lamb. Completely...

- Holy, devoted to God and free from sin but also merciful and loving

3. He is the Dove...

- Full of peace, hope and contentment and yet was well acquainted with sorrow, disappointment, and loss.

He became like us so that we could become like Him

2 Peter 1:3-5 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue... ESV

Hebrews 2:10 For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ESV

Hebrews 2:14, 17a, 18 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He himself likewise partook of the same things, ...¹⁷Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect... ¹⁸For because He himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. ESV

My Next Step Today is to...

- ☐ Join a group
- ☐ Attend the Starting Line Dinner
- ☐ Commit my life to Christ