

What Was Jesus Really Like?

What was Jesus really like as a person? What IS He really like? If we were to physically spend some relaxed time with Him, how would we honestly describe Him?

We have no photos, movies, or even personality profiles of Him. But we have four accounts of how He lived and interacted with a wide variety of people in various situations. What do their reactions tell you about Him?

SINNERS: Jesus related comfortably to the morally disreputable people of His day. Other religious people shunned them. Jesus spent casual time with them. And they enjoyed being with Him. (Matthew 9:9-13; 11:16-19; Luke 15:1-2; 19:1-10)

WOMEN & CHILDREN: Jesus struck up a socially-unconventional conversation with a woman – a Samaritan woman at that, one who had been married five times and was living with another. Then notice how the Samaritans, who were alienated from other Jews, were drawn to Jesus and wanted Him to stay with them (John 4:1-42). When His disciples thought little children were a waste of precious time, Jesus rebuked them. He liked children, made time for them, and held them in His arms (Mark 10:13-16). Women believed in Jesus, generously supported Him, and even traveled with Him (Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 15:40-41).

THE COMMON PEOPLE: Large crowds rose early and traveled long distances to hear Him. They sometimes followed Him around for days. Though Jesus was officially unlearned, they sensed an unusual authority in the way He spoke (Matthew 7:28-29; Mark 8:1-8; 12:37b; Luke 21:38; John 7:14-15).

ROMANS: Generally, Romans knew little about God and had little use for Jews. But a Roman centurion sensed Jesus' spiritual authority and trusted Him completely (Matthew 8:5-13). Pilate could tell Jesus was innocent even as the Jewish authorities accused Him (Matthew 27:18), and a Roman soldier, watching Him die, knew He was the Son of God (Mark 15:39).

The lowly people of Jesus' day were drawn to Him. What does that tell you about Him?

Hymn: [God of All People](#)