

JESUS: THE GREATEST LIFE OF ALL

THE GATHERING STORM

SELECTED SCRIPTURES



The Heart of the Matter

Jesus was indeed gentle and kind, but He also took a bold stand against sin. In fact, when confronting evil dressed in the garb of religion, His fearsome anger took many by surprise. He sharply rebuked the religious leaders in Israel for turning their privileged status into an opportunity to gain wealth and power. From the example of Jesus, we learn how to stand up for the truth, even if we lose popularity and suffer persecution for doing what is right.



Discovering the Way

1. Jesus Was Not Afraid to Stand for Truth (Matthew 10:34; Luke 12:40 – 53)
The courage of Jesus is seen in His unflinching declaration of truth, regardless of popularity, safety, or diplomacy.

2. The Enemies of Jesus Cared More about Pleasing Others Than Living by the Truth (Matthew 15:1 – 9, 12; Luke 19:45 – 48)
Jesus's stance for the truth placed Him squarely in opposition to His enemies, who sought every opportunity to kill Him.

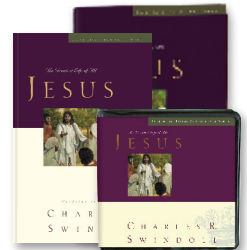


Starting Your Journey

Four lessons remain from this study. First, remembering your mission helps you navigate through any storm. Stay focused. Second, encountering evil requires sword-like confrontation, not peace-keeping compromise. Stay alert. Third, being bold when there's a principle worth fighting for is worth the risk, even if it offends and results in misunderstanding. Stay strong. Fourth, speaking up for what is right is no guarantee you'll win or gain respect. Stay realistic.

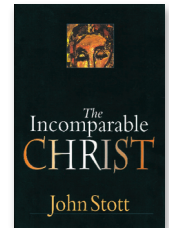


Tools for Digging Deeper



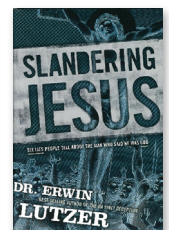
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