

What Jesus Wants the Church to Know

- Introduction:
1. Thus far, we have discussed what the church wants elders to know.
 2. What the elders want the church to know.
 3. What deacons want the church to know.
 4. And what preachers want the church to know.
 5. This study is not complete unless we discuss what Jesus wants the church to know.
 6. Jesus wants the church to know...

I. That He is the Head of the Church

- A. (Ephesians 1:22-23).
- B. (Colossians 1:18).
- C. (Matthew 28:18).
- D. We must stop trying to “market” the church and make the consumer sovereign.
- E. Therefore, we must take Jesus as he is and not reconstruct him as we want him to be.
 1. (Mark 4:35-36) They took him as he was.
 2. The Jesus Seminar.

According to the Jesus Seminar:

 - a. Jesus of Nazareth was born during the reign of Herod the Great.
 - b. His mother's name was Mary, and he had a human father whose name may not have been Joseph.
 - c. Jesus was born in Nazareth, not in Bethlehem.
 - d. Jesus was an itinerant sage who shared meals with social outcasts.
 - e. Jesus practiced faith healing without the use of ancient medicine or magic, relieving afflictions we now consider psychosomatic.
 - f. He did not walk on water, feed the multitude with loaves and fishes, change water into wine or raise Lazarus from the dead.
 - g. Jesus was arrested in Jerusalem and crucified by the Romans.
 - h. He was executed as a public nuisance, not for claiming to be the Son of God.
 - i. The empty tomb is a fiction – Jesus was not raised bodily from the dead.
 - j. Belief in the resurrection is based on the visionary experiences of Paul, Peter and Mary Magdalene.
 3. Jesus on love.
 - a. (Mark 10:21).
 - b. Love and acceptance are not the synonymous.
 4. Jesus on baptism.
 - a. (Mark 16:16).
 - b. Some say it is not the line of demarcation.

5. Jesus on the role of women.
 - a. (1 Corinthians 11; 1 Corinthians 14; 1 Timothy 2).
 - b. Yet, churches are “restudying” the this and coming to the conclusions that contradict Jesus.

II. That He Demands Action

- A. (James 1:22).
- B. (Luke 6:46).
- C. (Matthew 7:21).
- D. We must put the “do” in “doctrine.”

III. That He Needs Genuine Disciples.

- A. He doesn't need curious followers.
- B. He need committed disciples who...
 1. Are OUTgoing - evangelistic.
 2. Hear the OUTcry - compassionate.
 3. Have changed their OUTlook - ruined for this world.

- Conclusion:
1. I think these three desires of the Lord are comprehensive.
 2. If we will do them, the Lord will be fulfilling the Lord's desires for his church.