

Was Jesus “Woke?”

(Mark 7:24-30)

- Introduction:
1. From time to time, you may hear someone affirm that Jesus was “woke.”
 2. Some even say that Jesus didn’t start out that way, but was prejudiced, and used racial slurs until one day he was shamed and embarrassed by a Syro-Phoenician woman. It was at that moment, Jesus “Woke” up.
 3. Such a view of Jesus is absolutely untenable in light of the fact that he was God in the flesh.
 4. So, in this lesson, I want to define what it means to be “Woke,” and answer the question, “Was Jesus Woke?”

I. What Is Wokeness?

- A. The concept of being “woke” means to be alert to injustice and discrimination in society, especially racism.
- B. However, in our culture, what it really means is being “awakened” to the issues of the day such as, LGBTQ rights, abortion rights, same-sex marriage, sexual freedom, gender fluidity, CRT, etc.

II. Was Jesus Woke?

- A. While Jesus was all about equality and extinguishing injustice, he was not “woke” by the way our culture defines it.
- B. Let’s consider the evidences.
 1. (Matthew 5:44).
 - a. The “Woke Culture” does not love their enemies, they “cancel” their enemies.
 2. (John 14:6).
 - a. Jesus is “The Way,” “The Truth,” and “The Life.”
 - b. No “your truth,” “my truth,” “their truth.”
 - c. Jesus claims exclusivity.
 3. (1 Corinthians 6:9).
 - a. Jesus demands moral purity.
 - b. He condemns all forms of sexual expression outside of marriage.
 4. (Matthew 19:4-5).
 - a. Jesus defined marriage as a bond between one man and one woman.
 - b. Thus, he excluded homosexual relationships.

- Conclusion:
1. While Jesus was all about equality and extinguishing injustice, he would have been canceled by those woke adherents who claim to believe in equality and stamping out injustice.
 2. Likewise, if you are a disciple of Jesus, you may be canceled too.
 3. Be willing to suffer with him (Philippians 1:29).