**JESUS - THE PERFECT MAN**


Introduction:

1. In our text, Pilate is wanting to release Jesus. He finds no fault in Him.
2. Jesus lived a perfect life before the Father and man. He is our great example today.

-- In this lesson we will discuss the perfection of Jesus --

I. JESUS - OUR PERFECT EXAMPLE

A. IN RESISTING TEMPTATION
   1. Jesus resisted temptation
      a. All points of temptation listed -1Jn 2:16
      b. Jesus was tempted in all points -He 4:15, Mt 4:1-11
   2. We are to resist temptation
      a. By hiding the word of God in our hearts -Ps 119:11
      b. By seeking the way of escape -1Co 10:13

B. IN ENDURING WRONGFUL PERSECUTION
   1. Jesus endured wrongful persecution
      a. Pilate had Jesus scourged - Jn 19:1-4
      b. He was reviled… -1Pe 2:21-25
   2. We are to endure wrongful persecution
      a. Suffering wrongfully is credit toward God -1Pe 2:18-20
      b. As Jesus said -Mt 5:10-12
      c. Paul bearing the “marks of Jesus…” -Ga 5:17

II. JESUS - OUR PERFECT SACRIFICE

A. SACRIFICES HAD TO BE PERFECT
   1. As commanded -Le 1:3; 4:3
      a. The burnt offering had to be without blemish -Le 1:3
      b. The sin offering also had to be without blemish -Le 4:3
      c. “…do not profane My holy name by what they dedicate to Me: I am the Lord.” -Le 22:2
      d. “But if there is a defect in it, if it is lame or blind or has any serious defect, you shall not sacrifice it to the Lord your God.” -De 15:21
   2. Blemished sacrifices were not acceptable
      a. As some tried to pass off as good -Ma 1:6-8
      b. Blood of bulls and goats not sufficient -He 10:4

B. CHRIST WAS THE PERFECT SACRIFICE
   1. Only a one time sacrifice necessary
      a. Not like the high priest of the OT -He 9:24-28
      b. Once and for all -He 10:10
   2. Jesus was without blemish -2Co 5:21, He 4:15, 1Pe 2:21
   3. Likewise we are to be spotless before Him
      - Le 11:44, 1Pe 1:16, Ja 1:27, 2Pe 3:11

III. JESUS - OUR PERFECT SAVIOR

A. SALVATION NOT FOUND IN ANY OTHER
   1. Not in righteous acts alone
      a. Righteousness as filthy rags -Is 64:6
      b. Cornelius -Ac 10:1, 2
   2. No one else has the salvation to offer -Jn 14:6
      a. Peter’s statement -Jn 6:68, 69; Ac 4:12
      b. Not: Joseph Smith, Mohammed, or Allah

B. SALVATION IS ONLY IN CHRIST
   1. To acquire salvation, one has to be in Christ…
      a. Like Noah and his family were saved in the ark
      b. One can not audit the Christian life and receive credit
   2. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life -Re 21:27

Conclusion:

1. Salvation can never be acquired apart from Christ.
2. Christ is the perfect sacrifice for our sins; nothing else compares.
3. Once a person is in Christ, he should continually look toward the example of Christ in all things.