# Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

# **CAN I TRUST GOD?**

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Muslim's are taught that their god is not interested in people and their problems on earth; he is an impersonal god that will severely judge those who don't follow his commandments. Roman Catholics are used to going to a priest to intercede on their behalf.

Does the Bible tell us how God feels about human beings? Can you have access to God? Let's take a look at the Bible and says.

#### JESUS AND ABRAHAM

Jesus and two angels came to visit Abraham one day at his dwelling place. The Bible tells us that Abraham immediately recognized that this was the Lord and asked He would be kind enough to stay for dinner. Jesus agreed even though it would take a few hours to kill a calf, dress and cook it and also bake some cakes. There was a conversation between Jesus and Abraham but I want to focus on what Jesus said about Abraham. **Genesis 18:16-33** 

Abraham felt so secure with Jesus that he dared to challenge Him repeatedly and Jesus never scolded him because Abraham was His friend.

#### **JESUS AND MOSES**

Moses is a person in the Old Testament that spoke to God face to face more than any other man. From the burning bush when Jesus called Moses, until his last trip up Mount Pisgah, Moses had a personal relationship with Jesus. Even though Moses made mistakes and sinned against Jesus, the relationship was never broken. It is obvious that Jesus cared on a personal level for Moses but he was not allowed to enter the Promised Land because of his sin; Jesus made sure that he had a chance to see it before he was taken from earth. Truly, Moses was indeed a friend of Jesus. **Deuteronomy 34:1-12** 

## **JESUS AND JOSHUA**

Joshua was a disciple of Moses and had walked with him for more than 40 years. Moses had made Joshua his second in command (**Exodus 24:13**), so when Moses died, Jesus spoke directly to Joshua and assured him that He would be with him all the days of his life. Truly, Joshua also became a friend of Jesus. **Joshua 1:1-9** 

#### JESUS AND GIDEON

During a crisis situation in Israel, Jesus came to a young man and called him to become a leader and liberate the nation from oppressors. Gideon did not think much of himself and considered his family one of the least in Israel. Jesus took His time with Gideon, and instead of scolding him, He encouraged Gideon to

become bold. The conversation between Jesus and Gideon showed the love and respect Jesus has for His created beings. **Judges 6:6-24** 

## **DANIEL AND THE ANGEL**

Daniel prayed and fasted 21 days in seeking an answer from the Lord. As a young man he had been taken from his home in Jerusalem and marched to Babylon. Instead of losing his faith in God, his faith actually increased. After 70 years in captivity, he was wondering when God was going to bring His people back home? When the angel finally came, he told Daniel that he was loved by God. **Daniel 10:1-12** 

#### JESUS ON THE EARTH IN A HUMAN BODY

When we read the four Gospel accounts, there is no doubt that Jesus loved the people He came in contact with on a daily basis. Jesus healed the sick, the lame, the blind and the dumb. When they were without food, He fed them supernaturally. Jesus loved to the very end of His ministry. **John 13:1** 

Toward the end, He told the disciples they were no longer servants or slaves, but were His friends. **John 15:12-17** 

The deep feeling of love that Jesus had toward His disciples can bee seen in the prayer He had for them. **John 17:13-26** 

Jesus said, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father." John 14:8-11

The apostle Paul told us that us that we are also joint-heirs with Jesus. **Romans 8:14** 

#### THE FATHER

In the last book of the Bible, we are told that the Father will be with us and minister in person once we are in the new creation. **Revelation 21:1-7** 

#### IS GOD MY FRIEND?

I can say without a shadow of a doubt that God is my friend and rest securely in his love for me as an individual. I have no fear or doubt, I know God is my friend now and for eternity. It is wonderful to know that God is not a respecter of persons, what he will do for one, he will do for others. **Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11** 

Start enjoying your walk with Jesus today. Matthew 11:28-30

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?