

# Honest Understanding of Christ

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In the book of Revelation chapter 5 and verse 5 we read...."Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, The Root of David, has prevailed." I am asking you today, what is your own concept of Jesus Christ to whom this passage applies? Is your concept Biblical or is it just your own imagination? There is a difference and it may be very costly if we don't get this in right perspective in our thinking and our actions. A large traffic cop patrolled the corner at an elementary school. He was kind and friendly and everyone thought of him as a soft touch. So did some very cocky junior high boys. One day they began to taunt a little girl. The policeman asked them to stop. When one of the boys mocked him, and then pushed the little girl, he suddenly found himself flat on the ground in the iron grip of this "weakling policeman" whose gentleness was only strength restrained.

This truth is seen also in our Lord Jesus Christ who is God in human flesh. He was and is loving, compassionate, and kind toward the poor and disadvantaged, and sinners. He even described himself as being gentle and lowly in heart ... Matt. 11:29.

Matt 11:29-30, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." NKJV

But to think that Christ was weak is to make a terrible mistake, perhaps ever an eternal mistake. Beneath his gentleness is tremendous power. His gentle character kept in check His outrage at sin and His power to judge sinners. In the gospel accounts we see only a glimpse of the righteous wrath of Jesus (Luke 19:45-48).

John 2:13-17, "Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." NKJV

But one day that wrath will pour forth when Jesus comes again to defeat Satan and all of the forces of evil. C.S.Lewis in the "Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" said concerning Christ, "He is not a TAME LION." We must remember that Jesus who is the Lamb of God who takes the sin of the world away is also the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He is going to judge the world in righteousness when he comes back to earth the second time. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament declare with dogmatism that Christ is going to return to this earth and Jesus himself declared this to be true. Scripture says he will judge everyone on this earth who has ever lived. The Christian will be judged after the rapture of the church at the judgment seat of Christ for what he has done with the Christian life, but not for heaven or hell. The unsaved will be judged at the Great White Throne judgment and not for heaven, but for fair and just judgment to be realized in the ever-lasting lake of fire. Dear friend, I trust that you have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus as your Savior, Lord, and God. If not please make Christ your Savior and be ready for his coming.