

JESUS: REBEL, RADICAL, A REAL TOUGH GUY!

Love Does Not Equal Weakness

On the streets, when you hear about a new guy coming into your neighborhood and one of your buddies characterizes him as a rebel, a radical, as a real tough guy --- what visual pops into your head about him? What kind of guy do you expect to see when you meet him?

To me, 2 notable tough guys that were real radicals during my high school and early adult years were _____ and _____.

>>>>JESUS...Different Even As A Child<<<<

Luke 2:46-49	Separated from parents... ⁴⁶ Now so it was <i>that</i> after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ⁴⁸ So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." ⁴⁹ And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"
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>>>>40 Days Of Isolation – Huge Temptations<<<<

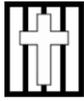
Matthew 4:1-2	Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.
Matthew 4:3-11	³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" ^[a] ⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In <i>their</i> hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" ^[b] ⁷ Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" ^[c] ⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, ^[d] Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" ^[e] ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

>>>>Challenging Daily Environment<<<<

	Hung out with the wrong crowd: sinners, tax collectors, women, etc. Disciples weren't priests or ministers, just ordinary guys.
Mark 1:35	Long days of ministry and healing work. ³⁵ Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.
Luke 9:58	No home to go to. ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air <i>have</i> nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay <i>His</i> head."

>>>>Leadership With Great Self Restraint...Up To A Point<<<<

Matthew 5:5	Be Meek. ⁵ Blessed <i>are</i> the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.
Matthew 18:21-22	Forgive Others. ²¹ Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.



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<p>John 8:3-8</p>	<p>Writing In The Sand. ³ Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, ⁴ they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught^[a] in adultery, in the very act. ⁵ Now Moses, in the law, commanded^[b] us that such should be stoned.^[c] But what do You say?"^[d] ⁶ This they said, testing Him, that they might have <i>something</i> of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with <i>His</i> finger, as though He did not hear.^[e] ⁷ So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up^[f] and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." ⁸ And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.</p>
<p>Matthew 21:12-13</p>	<p>Threw Out The Moneychangers. ¹² Then Jesus went into the temple of God^[a] and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³ And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,'^[b] but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'^[c]"</p>

>>>>The Suffering And Torture He Endured For Us<<<<

<p>Matthew 27: 26</p>	<p>The scourging Of Jesus....it was horrifying. ²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered <i>Him</i> to be crucified.</p>
<p>Matthew 27: 28-31</p>	<p>Mocking. ²⁸ And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. ²⁹ When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put <i>it</i> on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His <i>own</i> clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.</p>
<p>Luke 23:33-34</p>	<p>The Crucifixion. ³³ And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."^[a] And they divided His garments and cast lots.</p>

He said He would take the fall for us. **And He Did!**

He said He would rise from the grave after 3 days. **And He Did!**

He said He would ascend to Heaven to be with His Father. **And He Did!**

He said He would build a place in Heaven for those that accept Him. **And He Has!**

ASKING GOD FOR SALVATION....A SINNER'S PRAYER

Pray the prayer below, FROM YOUR HEART, and you will be saved.

Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, and that He died on the cross to save me from my sin. I believe that He rose again to life, and that He invites me to live forever with Him in heaven as part of Your family. Because of what Jesus has done, I ask You to forgive me of my sin and give me eternal life. I invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord. Help me to live in a way that pleases and honors You. Amen.