

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## Jesus: Beyond the Flannelgraph

### Jesus the Teacher –

As a teacher, Jesus' goal wasn't simply to transfer knowledge or to sound smarter than Solomon or the religious leaders, but to bring about life change in people.

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*Mark 1:14-28*  
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His goal was to share The Good News, the Gospel, God's holy plan; and for people to repent and seek God's change in their lives.

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He called the un-expected, the normal, even the hated to follow Him.

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Following Him meant a change in their life, their job, their family, their relationships...

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He taught with authority!

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Do I believe in His Good News?

Do I give Him the Authority he deserves in my life?

Am I willing to learn and be changed by His call in my life?

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This might not be the Jesus you want in your life. But it is certainly the Jesus you need!

### Jesus the Healer –

Jesus' goal for healing was not to see perfect health for the world, or that there would be no more sickness pain or death. But to see spiritual restoration and health.

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*Mark 1:40-45*  
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“He was moved with compassion”  
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This man wanted Jesus the Healer and he got that, but he didn't follow Jesus the Teacher.

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*Mark 2:1-12*  
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“My child, your sins are forgiven.” Jesus is healing relationship.

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He forgives sins!

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Jesus was concerned with the eternal over the temporal.

What good is it to have days filled with good health and a working body only to be separated from our God and creator.

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We are supposed to pray for healing for those who need it. We need to be careful not to treat Jesus like a genie or a vending machine regarding healing.

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Remember healing you want isn't necessarily the healing you need.

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Don't let Jesus the healer be the character you pull out of the flannelgraph box just because you have a need.

### Jesus the Shepherd –

As a Shepherd Jesus knew the cost and the work needed to care for His sheep. He didn't jump into a role that he was ill-prepared for or one that He wasn't invested in.

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*John 10:1-18*  
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Do you know His voice in your life? Or should I ask if you are listening?  
Will you trust the Shepherd?

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*Psalm 23*  
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Maybe this is not the Jesus you want, because you just like to create your own path and are wanting the freedom to be yourself. Just remember Jesus the Shepherd has the best plans even if you don't see how, it will work out.

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**Jesus the Servant –**

*Attitude* - Attitude impacts everything we do all day every day. Jesus has the attitude of a servant.

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*John 13:1-17*  
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Who would do that in His position? Only the God who loves and cares for you more deeply than anyone or anything ever could.

Are you willing to be vulnerable and allow Jesus to be the one who blesses you by taking away the filth and grime that you carry? Or is pride, embarrassment, ego... too much to give him access?

Is the Jesus who washed His servants' feet the Jesus you want? He knows He is the Jesus you need!

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**Jesus the Savior –**

Jesus came to be the Savior of the world. He did this by paying the price for our sins, by dying a horrific death on the cross, for the sole purpose of restoring relationship between us and God.

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Matthew, Mark, Luke & John all give perspectives on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. And the interactions leading to the cross.

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Days earlier the city was singing and praising Jesus. They were crying out Hosanna "Save us" they praised the kingdom of David that was in their presence. They were excited that salvation was here.

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Jesus was not acting like the salvation they wanted, but he was being the salvation they needed.

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He was the Savior for all mankind and for all times!  
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*John 3:16-17*  
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Jesus came for salvation, to bring change to the hearts of people.

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Liar, Lunatic or Lord

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How do you view Jesus?  
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**Jesus the Risen Lord –**

Everything the disciples had seen and heard for the last three years was in question (for them not for God) the moment Jesus died on the cross. They faced a whole new set of fears. Why would they even think about sharing this story in their homes, their city, their country, their world if this is how it would all end.

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But the tomb was empty, Jesus appears to them not once, not twice, but many times. This is not just a happy ending to make for a good story. This is the personal invitation to a new start in life. Jesus showed who He is to His disciples, to many others, to death itself, and to us.

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***He Is the Risen Lord!***  
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This empowered His disciples to risk everything to share this life changing message of who Jesus Christ is. Will you allow it to empower you?

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This Jesus may not always look the way you want Him to, but...

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***He is real,  
He is genuine,  
He is relational.  
He is the Lord!  
He is who you need!***  
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It's time to move beyond the flannelgraph that is put back into the box when done with Him; and walk in real intentional daily living with Him.