

Walk into any Christian Bookshop and you will find bracelets, key rings, and many knickknacks with the inscription of wwdj which people say means “what would Jesus do”. I have heard of many other meanings including something about Jack Daniels, Jesus died, and there are probably some that you have heard as well, but I would like to put a question to you concerning “what would Jesus Do”. What did Jesus do? Ever thought of that, it is something to think about what - did he do, have a think about it for a couple of minutes before reading on and see what you come up with.

I was talking to a friend and we were discussing different beliefs and ways and laws and heaps of different things seen in various churches and Christian thinking in general. When all of a sudden, I said to my friend, what did Jesus do? We sat there and thought about it for a couple of minutes and came up with some very good answers. We discovered that Jesus did not do what a lot of Christians do today. It is not a matter of what would Jesus do; but what did he do? When you ask the question what would he do, who knows what he would do in our day and culture, but we do know what he did do.

Jesus even said that he would send us a helper, to continue the work that he had started, what was that work? Was it building church buildings; Was it seeking after riches fame and fortune; Was it to lead a zillion people to God; To have the best and the biggest in everything; To con people and use people for what they had; To have the nicest clothes even? Have a think about it, please don't get me wrong, God wants us to prosper but for what, to bless others, that is what for, not build an empire for our own selfish desires. He wants us to help others, to continue on the work that he began which is found in **Luke 4:18-20**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to **preach the gospel** to the poor; he hath sent me to **heal the brokenhearted**, to preach **deliverance** to the captives, and **recovering** of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to **preach the acceptable year of the Lord**. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.*

Now I know some may not agree with me but you are entitled to your opinion as much as I am entitled to mine. This was the main driving force of Jesus being made manifest, he had the chance to be a king when the Jews wanted to crown him, he had the chance of being famous but told everyone to keep quiet about him, he was a people person, his ministry was to others not for himself, would you agree?

The ministry of Jesus basically can be summed up in this scripture **1John 3:8** *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*** He did not lift himself up in any way shape or form, he done only what he saw the Father doing. God wants his people to return to him, sit down and learn his ways and his truths then go out and share them with others. Here are some more things that Jesus **did** and we need to **do**:- read the following scriptures and see for your self:-

*Reach out and touch people - **Luk 4:40**; Fellowship - **Luk 19:5**; Forgive - **Mat 9:2**; Open your heart - **Mat 5:2**; Be available to all especially children - **Mat 19:14** Invite non Christians into your home - **Mat 9:10**; Weep with, visit with, the widows, sick and orphans bearing one another's burdens - **John 11:33-36** Show your Love - **Joh 11:36**; and Finally - **Jam 1:25-27** *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.**

I know some men who judge others and criticize people when they move on in God, I know some people that criticize other churches, and yet they think they are the only ones who are right. **Most** non Christians are **not** stupid, they can see right through you and me for what we really are, whether it is for God or self. Sad isn't it? I know non Christians too, that look at the hypocrisy of it all, they see good works in the church but bad attitudes and judgment of others, therefore they don't see the love of God and fail to come to Jesus. Good works do not show the love of God, prosperity does not show the love of God (otherwise Kerry packer is a very godly man), Going to church 5 times a week don't show the love of God either.

Only the love of God towards others shows the Love of God. I know Pastors that show partiality to people who have money, they also have cliky groups and do not allow the people to get near them least they have "sin" rub off on them, how do I know all this? Because I am talking about myself two years ago! God has shown me that Jesus did not hang out with the elders, scribes, and the religious people of his day, he hung out with sinners and shared the word of God with them. We are Christians and need to be Christ like and accept everyone for who they are, we may be in the world but we are not to be a part of it, that is do not be like them!

Jesus accepted people for who they were, he said to the woman caught in adultery go and sin no more, we need to accept people more like Jesus did. If we can not accept people we can not accept God. We need to let God be God and get on with what He has for us instead of what we think is right. Stop judging, gossiping, slandering, hating and get rid of unforgiving. Then we can move on to another level - we are human be-ings - not human do-ings. So **BE** like Jesus.

**Stay upright - Roscoe**