



A light to my path. Psalm 119:105

## Jesus' Career on Earth

We are born, nurtured, and educated for a career. Our career becomes our life. Jesus laid down his deity position as the son of the Godhead (Isaiah 9:6, John 1:1-2). God, as the Father, made a body in which Jesus was born (Hebrews 10:5). His birth began a career on earth that culminated in the redemption of all humanity. Preparation for our career included fun, struggles, unfair circumstances, and disappointment. Jesus was born an adopted son (Matthew 1:18-25). At age twelve, he spoke with educated priests, amazing them with his knowledge and understanding of the Torah (Luke 2:41-50). He was subject to his parents until age thirty (Luke 3:23). After being baptized by his cousin, John, he spent forty days and nights in the desert (Mark 9:1-12). At the point of great physical weakness, he stood before Satan, the fallen anointed cherub and archangel Lucifer, refusing his temptations three times (Matthew 4:1-11). Jesus shared a life of love and compassion with the misfits of his time while being ridiculed and mocked by the Pharisees, the ruling religious authorities (Luke 7:36-50, 19:1-10, 20:1-47). His compassion healed everyone who came to him (Matthew 8:16). He fed thousands with multiplied bread and fish (Matthew 14:13-21, 15:32-37). Dead people rose to life at his command (Mark 5:35-43, Luke 7:11-16, John 11:38-44). Demons trembled in his presence (James 2:19). Fish obeyed his call (Luke 5:1-11). Storms calmed at his command (Luke 8:22-24). Yet, Jesus' greatest career assignment loomed before him. His adversaries

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falsely arrested and condemned him to death (Mark 14:55-59). Roman soldiers ripped flesh from his body and torn off pieces of his beard (John 19:1, Isaiah 50:6, 52:14). In a weakened condition, he walked a third of a mile and himself laid his beaten body on the stripe of a cross (John 19:17). Soldiers nailed his feet to the stripe and his hands to the patibulum, then suspended him between heaven and earth for nine hours (Mark 15:24). A heavy darkness fell onto the earth for three hours, while his body received all the past, present and future sins of humanity (Matthew 27:45-46). He looked at those standing beneath him and ask his father to forgive them (Luke 23:34). At three o'clock in the afternoon, he shouted, "Finished!" then committed his spirit to his father, hung his head, and died (John 19:30). Two of his friends buried his body in a borrowed tomb (John 19:38-42). In his spirit, Jesus went into hell and completed his defeat of Satan (Ephesians 4:8-9, Revelation 1:18). In three days, he rose from the dead, leaving our sins behind, and visited his disciples and friends, showing them his promise to return (Matthew 28:1-10, 16-17). Then he ascended into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God, his father (Acts 1:9-11). Jesus accomplished all the above in three years. When experiencing difficulties in your career, consider what Jesus endured so you can be free of all sins and mistakes you commit. Sunday is Resurrection Day. Enjoy a new life with Jesus as your Savior.

Shalom!!

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