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God Exhibited His Image In Human Beings

Jesus, the Son of God, in the Gospels

Note: Luke's Gospel Mentions 13 Women Not Referred To In The Other Gospels!

- Matthew's genealogy mentions significant women in Jesus' lineage such as Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth (Matthew 1:4-6).
- Elizabeth's Praise over Mary (Luke 1:41-45) and Mary's Prayer (Luke 1:46-55), probably told to Luke by Mary.
- Jesus treated women with respect and dignity (Luke 7:44-48) – Jesus affirmed 'the sinner' her, forgave her, accepted her, unlike rabbis.
- Jesus worked miracles for the benefit of women (Luke 8:40-56). Jairus' pleading for his 12-year-old daughter shows a father's love for his daughter and the value of a little girl to Jesus (society favored little boys).
- Instead of rebuking the woman healed by the issue of blood, Jesus forgives her (Luke 8).
- He taught women (not done by Rabbis!) – Mary would sit at Jesus' feet and listen to His words (Luke 10:38-42).
- He included women among His disciples. Unheard of! Rabbi's disciples were always male (Luke 8:1-3; 23:49).
- He was compassionate towards women (Luke 13:10-17). He heals a woman that He identifies as "a daughter of Abraham"
- He used the godly actions of a woman, tithing in the temple, as an opportunity to teach others to imitate her faith (Luke 21:1-4)
- When looking over Jerusalem, Jesus likens his love for Israel as a mother hen fussing over her chicks, not a rooster! (Matthew 23:37; Luke 13:34).
- The Samaritan woman to whom Jesus spoke at the well and who would announce the Messiah, Jesus' arrival in her town (John 4:1-26).
- Jesus honors the Canaanite woman's faith as she pleads for her demon possessed daughter (Matthew 15:21-28).
- Jesus was against casual divorce of wives by their husbands (Matthew 19:9).
- Jesus touches a woman, bent-over crippled for 18 years and heals her on the Sabbath saying, "You are set free from your infirmity (Luke 13:10-17).
- Jesus defends the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11).
- Jesus complements a woman who anoints His head with perfume because she—one of the few—believed Jesus when He spoke of His death (Mark 14:1-11).
- In His anguish on the road to Golgotha he still pauses to teach and warn a group of women who are grieving over Him (Luke 23:27-31).
- At the cross, only John is left (the other disciples ran away in fear) along with four other women. Jesus asks John to care for His mother (John 19:25-27).
- When the disciples fled, and the crowds were gone, Jesus' female followers would be found close to His cross (Luke 23:49).
- Women witnessed His resurrection first (Luke 23:55-24:11). Jesus sent them to His disciples bear witness to His resurrection.