

What Does the Loving Jesus Teach About Hell??

I. Who Does Jesus Claim to Be? (What scripture teaches about Him)

A. God the Son

1. The divine Son of God - same in nature and essence - equal in power and glory
2. Hebrews 1:3; John 1:1-14; Colossians 2:9; Philippians 2:5-7; John 14:9; John 8:58 (cf. Exodus 3:14)
3. He claims to be God
4. He retains all the divine attributes that the Father possesses
5. Creator and Sustainer of the Universe
6. He is able to do the things that God alone is able to do/does
7. Knows all things (Mark 2:1-12)
8. Miracles (signs and wonders that prove His divinity)

B. He became Fully Man Without Losing Any of His Divinity

1. John 1:14
2. Galatians 4:45
3. Christ added a human nature to His divinity
 - a) Luke 2:14
4. Since Jesus is Fully Divine - every attribute of God belongs to Him
5. He is most loving, most holy, most wise, most just . . . etc.

II. What Did Jesus Know and Believe about Hell?

A. Hell as Punishment for Unrepentant Sinners

1. Matthew 5:29 - No pain on earth can be compared to Hell
2. Matthew 8:11-12; 22:13; 24:48-51; 25:30
3. Luke 13:22-30

B. Weeping (Wailing) - Vocal response to the punishment received

C. Gnashing of Teeth: Physical reaction to the punishment justly received

D. Fire - Painful reality of Hell

1. Matthew 5:22; 7:19

E. Hell is Destruction

1. Matthew 10:28
2. State of utter ruin - being undone
3. Not Annihilation
4. Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:3-5

F. Hell is Eternal

1. Matthew 18:7-11
2. Matthew 25:41, 46
3. Mark 9:38-48
4. Worm - Feeds on decaying things - those in Hell are in the process of dying, but never cease to be alive

G. Hell is Banishment - (Separation)

1. Matthew 7:23
2. Matthew 8:12
3. Matthew 25:41

III. The Only Basis for Not Being Sentenced to Hell is Believing in Jesus as Savior

- A. His love did not lead Him to reject or minimize Hell
- B. His love required Him to teach that Hell is real
- C. He taught that Hell is a place of divine punishment where God will dispense universal justice