

“Shock and Awe”

Luke 5:17-26

Introduction

- I. It must have been amazing to have been privileged to hear Jesus preach and work.
- II. People were literally left “speechless” and in awe.
- III. When we think about what Jesus has done for us, are we truly in awe?

Discussion

- I. God/Jesus tasted death for us (John 1:1-3; Phil. 2:6-7).
 - A. In order to die, God put on physical flesh (John 1:14).
 - B. The death of Jesus was for all of us (Heb. 2:9).
 - C. An eternal being willing chose to suffer so that I would not have to suffer throughout eternity (Psm. 90:2).
- II. God/Jesus was absolutely innocent (Heb. 4:15-16; cf. Rom. 6:23).
 - A. There are many testimonies of Christ's innocence (Matt 27:4, 19; Luke 23:4, 41; 24:15).
 - B. Even though He were innocent, He remained silent and took the sentence of death (Matt 27:14).
- III. God/Jesus proved the claims that He made (John 10:30-38).
 - A. When presented with the evidence, there is no doubt as to the divinity of Christ (1 John 5:20; John 3:1-2; 20:30-31; cf. Acts 2:22-37).
 - B. Can we really fathom seeing the dead raised, the sick healed, the blind given sight, etc (John 9:16-18,30-33)?!
- IV. God/Jesus willing endured all for a creation that is unworthy (John 10:17-18).
 - A. He endured it all so that all might be saved (1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 2:9; 1 John 2:2).
 - B. None of us can say that we deserve what He did for us, and that includes self (Rom. 5:6-10).

Conclusion

- I. When one stops to appreciate what Jesus did, he should come away with a great sense of admiration and awe.
- II. Jesus deserves our praise and appreciation!