Biblical Jesus

VS

Postmodern Jesus

Biblical Jesus	Postmodern Jesus
Born as God Almighty in the flesh	Born as a man who was promoted to deity
Warns of sin, judgment, & hell	Never says anything negative
Commands repentance of sins	Disregards repentance of sins
Gives you salvation, hope, peace, & joy	Gives you health, wealth, & happy feelings
Hated & despised by the world	Loved & accepted by the world
Hates sin & exposes the truth about sin	Condones sin & never corrects you of your sins
Commands with divine authority	Gives suggestions instead of commands
Offends the world with the truth	Hates to offend you: loves political correctness
Brings division when necessary	Promotes unity & tolerance at all costs
Preaches God's righteousness	Preaches only on love
Exalts God the Father's will	Serves your will, not God's will
Warns of false signs & wonders, magnifies God's Word	Exalts signs, wonders, & mysticism above God's Word
Demands that emotion, experience, & opinion conform to sound doctrine	Exalts emotions, experience, & opinion above sound doctrine
Commands you to deny yourself & allow Christ to work in you	Encourages you to love yourself & gratify all your fleshly desires

Which Jesus do you follow?

"The Spiritual Dynamics of Responding to Jesus"
Selected Scripture & John 1:4-5, 9-13

Critical Concept: When you share the message of God's grace with someone, understand that in their natural state they don't get it and won't get it apart from the divine work of God convicting them of their need for Christ ... so you must rely completely upon God to do what only He can do in changing their heart and helping them to see their genuine need for a savior.

I. Understanding the Spiritual Condition of Man.

    A. Natural man ... *what does that mean?*

    B. Jesus' encounters ... *many rejected him!*

II. The Divine Work that Leads to Salvation .

    A. Salvation isn't a natural decision.

    B. Genuine salvation is a work of God.

    C. Life comes to those who respond to God's work.

III. Entreat God to Work ... *then Join Him Where He's Working.*

What is God Saying to Me? (Personal Application)