

## **Jesus Obeyed**

**John 15:9-11**

**2-21-10**

- I. He Was Obedient from the Start.**
  - A. Jesus was obedient to the written Word and the will of his Father in heaven; this obedience was evident at the beginning of his public ministry.**
  - B. Christ's baptism was an act of obedience (see Matt. 3:15).**
  - C. His obedience was evident during his temptation in the desert (see Matt. 4:1-11).**
    - 1. When Jesus was tempted he looked to the Word and acted on the Word.**
    - 2. The Word who became flesh (see John 1:14) fleshed out the Word.**
- II. He Was Obedient to the End.**
  - A. Phil. 2:8 tells us that Jesus "became obedient to death – even death on a cross."**
  - B. Jesus willingly suffered and died on a cross because this was his calling; he lived to die for our sins (see 1 John 2:2).**
  - C. Jesus was obedient to his calling to the very end.**
  - D. His obedience was evident in the Garden of Gethsemane (see Matt. 26:36-39).**
  - E. His obedience was evident on the cross (see Matt. 27:40-43 and Luke 23:39).**
    - 1. People challenged Jesus to save himself.**
    - 2. Jesus stayed on the cross and fulfilled his calling to be the Savior of the world.**
- III. Obeying Jesus.**
  - A. Jesus wants his followers to obey him (see John 14:15).**
  - B. To be obedient to Jesus three things need to be in place.**
    - 1. We must believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, the source of absolute truth, and we must know and understand what it says.**
    - 2. We must have a burning desire to obey the Bible.**
    - 3. We must act on our knowledge and understanding and desire and obey.**
  - C. We need to do our best to obey Jesus, but we also need to understand that we're not perfect.**
  - D. When we sin we need to repent and confess and seek forgiveness and restoration.**
  - E. Those who obey God are rewarded (see Ps. 19:7-11).**
  - F. The reward for obedience is joy (see John 15:10,11).**