

# Contagious But Controversial Jesus

Showdown with Jesus in the Gospel of John

## You Didn't Choose Jesus! Part 1

Exalting God's Electing Love

John 6:25-48

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"As I reread the Gospel passages, Jesus' words are much harsher than I remember... Because we in America read certain passages over and over to the neglect of others, we start to believe that Jesus had a friendly tone all the time.... [but] When you read it all like you are reading it for the first time, you walk away going, 'Wow, He was pretty hardcore.'

Here's what I had to repent of: I had felt the need to soften a lot of Jesus' statements, because in my arrogance I thought, 'Okay Jesus, I'm not going to say that like that. Trust me, people will like You more and be more willing to accept You if I say it like this.' ... I thought I could attract more people to Jesus by hiding certain things about Him. I had to confess my arrogance."

Interview by Mark Galli

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2011/julyweb-only/francis-chan-hell.html>

### I. **Everybody's Hungry But that Hunger Better Push You to Look Past this World for Satisfaction and On to the Next**

We can go hard after Jesus, but for all the wrong reasons.

John 6:25-27

### II. **Nobody's Satisfied Until Your Deepest Hunger has been Satisfied in Christ**

John 6:35, 47-48

### III. **Anybody Who Does Get to the Point of Finding their Deepest Satisfaction in Christ Better Know that God Mercifully Brought You to that Place**

God drew you to Christ because He'd chosen you before the foundation of the world or you never would've taken one step towards Christ.

John 6:37, 44, 65

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 15:16

Acts 13:48

Romans 9-11

### IV. **Anybody with Objections to the Doctrine of Election Needs to Know that You're Not the First to Struggle with this Great Truth**

#### A. **But What about Free Will?**

The Bible teaches that because of our sin nature and our rebellion against God. We're hardwired to move away from God, not towards God. It's our sin nature to run from authority and from the light and into darkness and our own self-indulgent pleasure.

Ephesians ch. 2:1-3

Romans 3:10-12

#### B. **But if Election is True then Why Share the Gospel with Anyone?**

The Bible teaches the absolute sovereignty of God AND the moral responsibility of people to make free moral choices.

John 6:44, 35, 40, 47