

Short Talk

(SHT107a)

The Attractiveness of Jesus

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SHORT TALK: “The attractiveness of Jesus”

Aim of Short talk:	To teach that Jesus attracted (and still attracts) people to Himself by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Who He is ii) His Words of life and iii) His Wonders of healing.
Use of Short talk:	This is a short All Age talk picking out one issue from the Lectionary Gospel reading of the Sunday main service. The talk stands alone and assumes that the Gospel Bible reading may not yet have been read to the congregation. It could be used for example, for the whole congregation before the children go out to their age specific groups, leaving the adults with a full sermon later.
Main themes:	Jesus
Biblical references:	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Lectionary:	Year B – The 7 th Sunday after Trinity
Props:	A table on which is laid out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a large horseshoe magnet,¹ • a large iron nail, • a plastic cup, • a metal paper-clip, • a stainless steel teaspoon, • a small book

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Is there anyone here who enjoys doing scientific experiments? *(Receive response)*

- Please come and join me. *(Volunteer joins you)*

I have a large magnet here *(pick up magnet)* and you may have learnt at school that magnets can attract certain things to them.

- I’ve got a variety of things on this table and we are going to experiment and see what is attracted to the magnet and what is not.

Who thinks that the iron nail will be attracted to the magnet? *(Receive responses then give the magnet to the volunteer who holds it near the nail until it attaches itself to the magnet)*

- Yes the nail is attracted to the magnet.

What about the plastic cup? Will that be attracted to the magnet? *(Volunteer tests the plastic cup)*

- No the plastic cup isn’t attracted to the magnet.

How about the paper-clip? Will it be attracted to the magnet? *(Volunteer tests the paperclip)*

- Yes the paper-clip is attracted to the magnet.

¹ You can purchase a large horseshoe magnet on ebay at www.ebay.co.uk by putting “Jumbo horseshoe magnet” in the search bar.

What about the spoon? Is that attracted to the magnet? (*Volunteer tests the spoon*)

- Yes the spoon is attracted to the magnet.

And finally is the book attracted to the magnet? (*Volunteer tests the book*)

- No the book isn't attracted to the magnet.

Thank you very much for your help. Would you like to sit down? (*Volunteer sits down*)

As many of us here know, magnets will attract certain things to them;

- things that contain iron, like our nail, paper-clip and spoon.

When Jesus came to earth He was a bit like a very large magnet.

- He didn't attract objects like nails and paper-clips to Him,
- but He attracted people to Him.....large crowds of people.

In Mark's Gospel we read that although Jesus sometimes tried to take His disciples away to a place to be alone together, many people would run from all the towns to the place where Jesus was going.....(Mark 6:33)

- Jesus attracted people to Him.
- So what was so attractive about Jesus?

1) Firstly Jesus was attractive to people because of WHO HE IS.

- Mark tells us that Jesus had compassion on people, (Mark 6:34)
- which means that He was full of love and kindness that led Him to helping people, especially those who were suffering.
- People were drawn to Him by His lovely character.

2) Secondly Jesus was attractive to people because of the WORDS OF LIFE HE SPOKE.

- Mark tells us that Jesus taught the people many things. (Mark 6:34)
- Jesus spoke life giving words that changed people's lives.

3) And thirdly Jesus was attractive to people because of the WONDERS HE PERFORMED.

- Mark tells us that Jesus healed the sick people who were brought to Him.

As Christians we believe that Jesus is alive today and although we cannot see Him with our physical eyes, Jesus still attracts people to Himself because of WHO HE IS,

- because of the WORDS OF LIFE HE SPEAKS and which we can read in our Bibles,
- and because of the WONDERS HE PERFORMS.

The question today is: "Do you know how attractive Jesus really is?"

- Perhaps it is time for you to draw a little closer to Him to see how truly wonderful He really is.