

## “IS THIS NOT THE CARPENTER?”

### INTRODUCTION

**A. Luke 3:23**

We know very little about what Jesus did before He began His ministry at the age of thirty.

**B. Mark 6:1-6**

One of the few facts revealed to us is that He was known to be a carpenter.

**C. Matthew 13:55**

Evidently, He learned the trade from His foster-father Joseph.

**D. Let's think for a few minutes about occupations associated with Jesus.**

### I. TRADES JESUS DID NOT CHOOSE

Remember the words to that song by The Temptations: “Well, you could've been anything that you wanted to, and I can tell – the way you do the things you do”?

Jesus was kind of like that. He was skilled in so many fields.

**A. He was not a shepherd, yet He is the Good Shepherd.**

So far as we know from the scriptures, Jesus never tended any sheep.

**1. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:25**

His role as Shepherd is spiritual in nature.

**2. John 10:1-15, 26-28; 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 17:34-35**

The work of a shepherd involves protecting the sheep even to the point of laying down his own life.

**3. Hebrews 13:20-21**

The Shepherd perfects His sheep. We please Him by doing His will.

**4. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:4; Matthew 25:31-33**

The Chief Shepherd will separate the sheep from the goats.

**B. He was no lawyer, but He fulfilled the law, gave a new law, and will judge everyone according to that law.**

He never earned a degree from a prestigious law school, but He is the master at law.

**1. Matthew 5:17**

He did what none other could do when He fulfilled the Law of Moses.

**2. James 4:12; Isaiah 33:22**

He is the one Lawgiver.

**3. Acts 10:42**

He will judge all.

**C. He was not a doctor, yet He is the great Physician.**

Jesus never held a medical degree either, but He is the greatest healer of all.

**1. Matthew 9:9-12**

The sick need Him most.

**2. Acts 10:36-38**

He went about doing good and healing.

**D. He was not a fisherman, but is the master of the fishers of men.**

**1. Matthew 4:17-22**

He called those who were fishermen by trade to leave their nets and boats behind in order to follow Him and fish for men.

**2. Luke 5:1-11**

First, He proved His power over nature, causing them to catch more fish than they'd ever caught before. Then He called them to catch men.

**3. Matthew 13:47-50**

Like the net that catches so many fish, many will be invited to enter heaven, but few will choose to do what is necessary.

**E. He was not royalty, but He is the King of kings.**

He was of the royal bloodline of David, but His was never one of the crowned heads of the Roman Empire.

1. **John 6:14-15; 18:36**

He resisted an earthly kingdom because His is a spiritual kingdom.

2. **John 19:17-22**

Even the Governor who ordered His execution acknowledged Jesus to be King.

3. **1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:15-17**

He is the eternal, immortal, and invisible King.

4. **1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:11-16; Revelation 19:11-16**

He is King above all other kings.

## II. **JESUS IS THE MASTER CARPENTER**

In his secular occupation as a carpenter it is unknown what Jesus built, but we know what He built without hands.

### A. **He built the universe.**

1. **John 1:1-3**

2. **Colossians 1:15-17**

3. **Hebrews 1:1-2**

### B. **He built the church.**

1. **Matthew 16:16-18**

2. **Hebrews 3:1-6; 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:15**

3. **Ephesians 2:19-22**

### C. **He has built us a home in heaven.**

1. **Hebrews 11:8-16**

2. **John 14:1-3**