What can be Accomplished in a Three-Year Ministry?
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Introduction:
A. From a non-religious, historical viewpoint, Jesus was ordinary.
   1. He was born in lowly circumstances - Luke 2:7
   2. He didn’t become wealthy or politically powerful - Matt. 8:20; John 18:36
   3. He was not unusually attractive - Isa. 53:2
   4. He made a lot of influential enemies - Matt. 22:15-16, 23
   5. He lost most of His supporters at his crucifixion - John 6:66; Matt. 26:56
   6. His immediate family did not appreciate him - John 7:5
B. What did He do in three year ministry to make him the greatest being to have ever walked the face of the earth?

I. JESUS IS THE DEFINITIVE SACRIFICE
   A. Jesus lived before He came to earth - John 8:58, 1:1
      1. Jesus enjoyed all the splendor of heaven as God - Phil. 2:7-8
      2. Jesus became a sin offering for the sins of all humankind
         a. Heb. 10:10, 12, 14; Matt. 26:28; John 1:29
   B. All the great men of the world combined could not help man regarding sin.

II. JESUS IS THE CONSUMMATE MEDIATOR
   A. A mediator acts in behalf of two parties, in this case God and man.
      1. Jesus is the only mediator between God and man - 1Tim. 2:5
   B. Jesus is particularly qualified to be mediator, because he is both God and man
      1. Heb. 1:8
   C. Jesus is the only one capable of doing this - John 14:6

III. JESUS IS THE PERFECT EXAMPLE
   A. Example is from the Greek hupogrammos - "from hupographo; to write under, to trace letters for copying by scholars" (Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words).
      1. Jesus is the perfect writing that we try to copy - 1Peter 2:21
   B. Jesus is our example
      1. In prayer - Luke 6:12
      2. In standing for truth - Matt. 4: 4, 7, 10
      3. In correcting sinners - Matt. 23:14
      4. In service - John 13:15
      5. In keeping God’s commandments - John 4:34

IV. JESUS IS THE GREATEST TEACHER
   A. Jesus is the world's greatest teacher - Matt. 5:2, 7:28-29
   B. To go beyond Jesus' teaching is to forfeit our relationship with God - 2John 9
   C. Jesus' teaching is also complete, so that all other teaching is unnecessary and forbidden - 2John 10-11; Gal. 1:6-10
   D. He completed His teaching through His apostles - 1Cor. 14:37; John 16:13-14
V. JESUS CREATED DIVISION
   A. Many do not think of Jesus as One who generated division - Matt. 10:34
      1. Jesus would not compromise doctrinally - John 9:16; 1Cor. 11:19

VI. JESUS ESTABLISHED HIS KINGDOM
   A. The Kingdom was prophesied years before Jesus' advent into this world
      1. Dan. 2:44; Gal. 4:4
   B. Jesus promised to build His church and kept His promise
      1. Matt. 16:18; Col. 1:13
   C. Jesus never promised a secular kingdom - John 18:36-37

VII. JESUS WAS THE CONDUIT OF GOD'S GRACE TO HUMANKIND
   A. Grace came by Jesus - John 1:17, 10:10
      1. Eternal life through salvation is not unconditional. If it were, all men would be saved - Matt. 7:13-14
   B. The conditions of grace and salvation?
      1. One MUST believe - John 8:24
      2. One MUST turn from his sins - Acts 17:30-31
      3. One MUST declare his faith - Rom. 10:9-10
      4. One MUST be baptized - Acts 2:38
      5. One MUST live faithful to God - Rev. 2:10

Conclusion:
   A. Jesus was not just an ordinary man; He was God with us
   B. In three years, Jesus did more in three years than all of humankind accomplished in all of the years of our existence in this world
   C. No man in a dozen lifetimes could undertake and complete one of Jesus’ accomplishments