Individuals were attracted to him because he loved people and he never tired of ministering to them. In this respect, he left a pattern for us to follow as teachers of the religion of Jesus.

Pentecost, with its spiritual endowment, was designed forever to loose the religion of the Master from all dependence upon physical force; the teachers of this new religion are now equipped with spiritual weapons. They are to go out to conquer the world with unfailing forgiveness, matchless good will, and abounding love. They are equipped to overcome evil with good, to vanquish hate by love, to destroy fear with a courageous and living faith in truth. Jesus had already taught his followers that his religion was never passive; always were his disciples to be active and positive in their ministry of mercy and in their manifestations of love. [Paper 194:3.11, page 2064:3]



"Let me emphatically state this eternal truth: If you, by truth co-ordination, learn to exemplify in your lives this beautiful wholeness of righteousness, your fellow men will then seek after you that they may gain what you have so acquired. The measure wherewith truth seekers are drawn to you represents the measure of your truth endowment, your righteousness. The extent to which you have to go with your message to the people is, in a way, the measure of your failure to live the whole or righteous life, the truth-co-ordinated life." [Paper 155:1.5, page 1726:2]

Religion does need new leaders, spiritual men and women who will dare to depend solely on Jesus and his incomparable teachings. [Paper 195:9.4, page 2082:9]

Perhaps the question that we need to ask ourselves is: Are we willing... are we ready?

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The modern age will refuse to accept a religion which is inconsistent with facts and out of harmony with its highest conceptions of truth, beauty, and goodness. The hour is striking for a rediscovery of the true and original foundations of present-day distorted and compromised Christianity – the real life and teachings of Jesus. [*The Urantia Book* , Paper 195:9.5, page 2083.1]



What is the religion of Jesus, and are we, as students of *The Urantia Book*, required to teach the religion of our Master? If so, how is it possible to do this in a world that has become increasingly secular and materialistic?

Before answering these questions it is worth noting some of the remarkable statements in *The Urantia Book* about the religion of Jesus:

The religion of Jesus is the most dynamic influence ever to activate the human race. [Paper 99:5.3, page 1091:2]

A new and fuller revelation of the religion of Jesus is destined to conquer an empire of materialistic secularism and to overthrow a world sway of mechanistic naturalism. Urantia is now quivering on the very brink of one of its most amazing and enthralling epochs of social readjustment, moral quickening, and spiritual enlightenment. [Paper 195:9.2, page 2082:7]

Religion is now confronted by the challenge of a new age of scientific minds and materialistic tendencies. In this gigantic struggle between the secular and the spiritual, the religion of Jesus will eventually triumph. [Paper 195:4.5, page 2075:3]

The religion of Jesus is the most powerful unifying influence the world has ever known. [Paper 194:3.17, page 2065:5]

Is it possible that the actual religion of Jesus is not only powerful enough to conquer the ideologies and philosophies of materialism, secularism and scientific rationalism, but will even unite and transform the myriads of divided and conflicted groups making up humankind today? If so, how can this possibly happen, given the current state of human affairs?

First of all, what exactly do the authors of *The Urantia Book* mean by "the religion of Jesus"?



The religion of Jesus fosters the highest type of human civilization in that it creates the highest type of spiritual personality and proclaims the sacredness of that person. [Paper 194:3.7, page 2063:5]

The religion of Jesus demands living and spiritual experience. Other religions may consist in traditional beliefs, emotional feelings, philosophic consciousness, and all of that, but the teaching of the Master requires the attainment of actual levels of real spirit progression. [Paper 160:5.12, page 1782:3]

In answer to Thomas's question, "Who is this God of the kingdom?" Jesus replied: "God is your Father, and religion — my gospel — is nothing more nor less than the believing recognition of the truth that you are his son. And I am here among you in the flesh to make clear both of these ideas in my life and teachings." [Paper 141:4.2, page 1590:5]

The religion of Jesus is a new gospel of faith to be proclaimed to struggling humanity. This new religion is founded on faith, hope, and love. [Paper 194:3.2, page 2062:11]

In the first century, Jesus sent forth his apostles to preach and teach this new religion.

"As the Father sent me into this world, even so now send I you. You are all called to carry the good news to those who sit in darkness.... Go you, therefore, into all the world preaching this gospel, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the ages." [Paper 191:6.3, page 2044:4]

But what about today? Has the Master instructed us to embark on a similar mission?

All Urantia is waiting for the proclamation of the ennobling message of Michael, unencumbered by the accumulated doctrines and dogmas of nineteen centuries of contact with the religions of evolutionary origin. The hour is striking for presenting to Buddhism, to Christianity, to Hinduism, even to the peoples of all faiths, not the gospel about Jesus, but the living, spiritual reality of the gospel of Jesus. [Paper 94:12.7, page 1041:5]

And this:

"Peace be upon you. That which my Father sent me into the world to establish belongs not to a race, a nation, nor to a special group of teachers or preachers. This gospel of the kingdom belongs to both Jew and gentile, to rich and poor, to free and bond, to male and female, even to the little children.



And you are all to proclaim this gospel of love and truth by the lives which you live in the flesh. You shall love one another with a new and startling affection, even as I have loved you. You will serve mankind with a new and amazing devotion, even as I have served you. And when men see you so love them, and when they behold how fervently you serve them, they will perceive that you have become faith-fellows of the kingdom of heaven, and they will follow after the Spirit of Truth which they see in your lives, to the finding of eternal salvation." [Paper 191:6.2, page 2044:3]

Jesus was undoubtedly the greatest teacher this world has ever seen. He didn't have to engage in showy displays of piety, nor did he use coercion or formal oratory to get his message across to the people.