

Even skeptics will usually grant that Jesus has given us some of the most exalted ethical teachings that the world has ever seen.

Many will admit that Jesus is the greatest ethical teacher of all time.

There are many examples of his great teaching, but two are particularly helpful with modern skeptics:

1. Jesus' passionate devotion to bringing good into the world,
2. His teaching of non-resistance to evil.

Jesus' passionate devotion to bringing good into the world sets him apart from famous Eastern sages.

Jesus taught and modeled the importance of making this world better, even as he taught his followers to look beyond this world to God's kingdom to come.

In this, Jesus stands out from the sages and teachers of India, where the typical path of wisdom is detachment from the world.

Jesus teaching of non-resistance and overcoming evil with good to this day represents the one path that can lead out of evil.

In this Jesus stands in stark contrast to Mohammed, the founder of Islam, who founded his religion largely on military success.

In contrast, Jesus taught that his followers are not to return evil for evil, but are to turn the other cheek and love their enemies. (Matthew 5:35-42)

There is deep wisdom in Jesus' approach, though it is difficult to follow him in it.

Jesus' life and His death fit perfectly with His teachings.

Christianity grew and continues to grow on the basis of the story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

But notice how the death of Jesus is an illustration of non-resistance and overcoming evil with good.

So the instrument that made Christianity grow is also designed to keep pushing the followers of Jesus back to non-resistance and overcoming evil with