

“WHO IS TRULY THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME?”

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As I am writing this, the news is filled with the passing of Muhammad Ali. Many people are referring to him as he did himself as the “greatest of all time.” It has an acronym: G.O.A.T

There are T-shirts and hats and jackets proclaiming Ali as the G.O.A.T. The world can't seem to get enough of the man who wanted the whole world to know that he was the greatest.

Ali was a great boxer, he might have been the greatest boxer of all time, although that is debatable, but it's not hard to label him as the greatest promoter of all time. His mouth was constantly open and he was telling everyone who would listen how great he was.

I'm not an Ali hater, but I am here to say that he definitely was not the greatest person of all time. He may have been the greatest in his own eyes or in the eyes of his fans but was he the greatest in the eyes of the One who really matters? Ultimately, it matters little what others think of us, but it makes all the difference in the world, what God thinks about us.

Would God consider Ali great? Would He consider you great? What is greatness? How do you define it?

I don't think that there has ever been a greater person to walk the face of the earth, than the man, Christ Jesus. He didn't define greatness as others did. He didn't set up an earthly kingdom and have people promoting Him wherever He went. In fact, He did just the opposite. Many times after He did great things, He told people not to tell anyone else about it.

The greatest man who ever lived, didn't think it beneath Him to serve others, even to the point of washing their feet.

Jesus didn't do things like everybody else did things. He didn't speak as others in authority spoke. In fact, He said that the way up, was down and that those who wanted to be first would be last and the last would be first.

Are you more like Jesus or more like Ali? Are you promoting yourself or are you promoting God? When your life is over and people are talking about you, what will they say? Will they be talking about your greatness or the greatness of the God you served?

Phil 2:5-11 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.