

## Who is Jesus?

What did Jesus claim? What is the evidence?

Here is a basic summary of the identity of Jesus

1. His claims John 8:58; 10:30-33
2. His life 1 Peter 2:22-23
3. His teachings John 7:46
4. His death Matthew 26:28
5. His resurrection Acts 2:30-31; John 10:17



1. His claim: *"I and My Father are one." Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. . . The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."* (John 10:30-33).

This is sustained by eyewitnesses. Matthew tells that Jesus had power over nature and sickness (Matthew 8:24-26; 15:31). John heard Jesus say He would raise Himself from the dead (John 2:19).

2. His life Who in the history of this world lived a sinless, selfless life? Despite the evil efforts of His enemies, Jesus didn't retaliate in hatred and bitterness (1 Peter 2:23). Even when his friends betrayed Him, He maintained a righteous spirit.

3. His teachings The Golden Rule is known around the world: *Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them* (Matthew 7:12). One man made this observation, "Socrates, Buddha, Confucius, Hillel (Jewish Rabbi) each groped after this truth, but they stated it thus: 'Do not do to others what you would not have done to you.' Thus making it a rule of *not* doing rather than of *doing*. But the striking difference between these teachers and Christ lies not in the statement so much as in the exemplification."

4. His death Details of Jesus' death were recorded hundreds of years before His birth (Isaiah 53). Jesus foretold His death (John 2:19; 10:17-18), accepting death to solve your greatest problem.

5. His resurrection Prophets alluded to this (Acts 2:30-31; Psalms 16:10). Eyewitnesses of His death also witnessed His resurrection (Luke 24:48; 1 John 1:1-3). With multiple, time-tested, and reliable written accounts of His resurrection, there are sufficient answers for doubts. The evidence is available to everyone who wants it. Do you? If so, contact us and let's talk.

## Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

Jesus asked His disciples "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?". Their answers revealed that many people had false ideas. What do you say?

- "I don't care..." You should--and will. He created all. He is the final Judge (Colossians 1:16; Acts 17:31).
- "He is one of many ways to find God." Jesus is God (John 14:6; 1:1). Do you know more than Him?
- "I know He is Lord, but I will not give up. . ." (porn, alcohol, etc.). This is self-destructive—do not hate yourself (Matthew 7:26-27; 5:28; Ephesians 5:18).
- "I follow Him, but I don't like religion." Following Jesus means rejecting false religion and practicing true religion (Acts 9:26-28; 11:26; Romans 16:16). The church of Christ and pure religion are both from God (Matthew 16:18; John 4:23-24; James 1:27). Don't let man-made religion, tradition, and abuse distract you from the true religion of Jesus.
- "We cannot know anything about Jesus because we cannot trust the Bible." The Bible's credibility is established by fulfilled prophecies historically known to have been written before Jesus' birth (Isaiah 7:14; 11:1; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:1, 18; 2:1; 1 Peter 1:16, 19). Have you heard the evidence which shows the Bible is trustworthy?
- "Jesus was a created spirit being, just as angels..." (watchtower.org). How could Jesus be created since "by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth" (Colossians 1:16)?
- "Jesus Christ and Lucifer are indeed offspring of our Heavenly Father and, therefore, spirit brothers" (lds.org; Mormon Church). Can this be true since the Heavenly Father called Jesus "God" and "LORD" (Hebrews 1:8, 10)?

It is not possible that all of these ideas are true. Compare them with what you say about Jesus. Compare them to what Jesus said of Himself. Open your Bible to learn about Jesus. Then contact us—let's talk.

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