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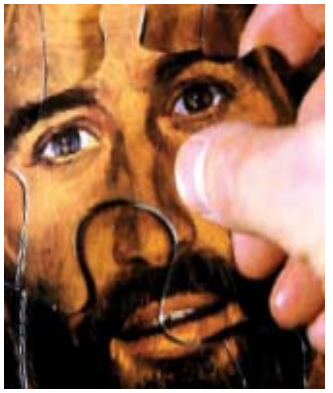
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Who is Jesus?

The Jesus Myth



The Man Jesus has a way of so capturing attention that men and women forget everything else. Like the crowd that listened to Him all day and forgot they were hungry. Like the woman who came to draw water at the well, but was so fascinated by her encounter with Jesus that she forgot her waterpot.

Like the officers who were sent to arrest Him, but who returned without Him, saying, “No one ever spoke the way this Man does!” Like the fishermen who left their boat and their fishing, without any questions, when Jesus said, “Follow Me.” Like the women in need of healing who pressed through the crowd and touched the hem of His robe as He passed by – and found healing in the touch. Like Nicodemus, who came to Jesus at night for an intellectual discussion but learned, instead, his own deep need to have meaning in life. Do we ask the question “what is the meaning of life?”

Either He is who He claims to be, or else He is the greatest hoax of all history.

Who is Jesus? We know that He divided time in history but was He merely a historical figure?

What did He claim to be? Would we regard His claim to be credible?

Millions in the world today follow Jesus. Are they following blindly based on groundless evidence?

People that follow this Man Jesus are called Christians. Christianity is different from all other religions because it centres around a Man who claimed to be God and then demonstrated the truth of His claim by leaving behind Him an empty tomb. No other man has ever done that. The remains of other great religious leaders are worshipped in shrines set apart for their memory. But there isn't a shrine in the world that holds one bone of the body of Jesus. Jesus lives. Christianity centres around a man who lives – after doing what no other man has ever done. He conquered death.

Let's explore in this study from the words of Jesus – the Bible.



1. In what ways do we know that Jesus is a human?

List out Jesus human characteristics:

a. John 4:6 _____

b. Matthew 4:2 _____

c. Matthew 4:1 _____

d. John 11:35 _____

What is the benefit of knowing Jesus? He said that if we have seen Him we have seen the Father. We know God's character when we know Jesus. Knowing Jesus gives us a clear picture of God and thus gives us purpose and meaning in life.

MY DECISION

❑ *I would like to open my heart to learn more about Jesus.*

11. There are more than 300 prophecies (predictions) in the Old Testament about Jesus that were fulfilled in His life.

Jesus' life	Old Testament prophecies (OT)	New Testament fulfillment (NT)
Place of birth	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
Rejected by man	Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11
Betrayal by close friend	Psalms 41:9	John 13:26
Crucified	Psalms 22:16	Luke 23:33
Resurrection	Psalms 16:10	Acts 2:31-32

12. Personally, who do you think Jesus is?

2. However, who did Jesus also claimed Himself to be?
John 14:9 and John 10:33

The Bible answers:

Jesus came to show what God is like. He had come to dispel men's distorted notions of God. He had come to show the people of that day – and us – that God is not a tyrant standing over us with a big stick, waiting for some excuse to use it.

3. Did He claim to have existed before being born in the town of Bethlehem?
John 17:5

The Bible answers:

4. What did the Bible tell us about Jesus, a God, becoming a man?
John 1:14

The Bible answers:

5. If a person claims to be God, what are the three possibilities of who Jesus is?

Three possibilities:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

If you know of a friend today that claims to be God, you will think either he is lunatic (gone insane), or liar (aware that his claim is false) or truly his claim is correct.

6. What did the eye witnesses of Jesus think of His mental state when he was a child? Luke 2:46-47

The Bible answers:_____

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7. What did the eye witnesses of Jesus think of His mental state after He was resurrected? Luke 24:27, 32

The Bible answers:_____

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8. Would a person who claims to be the truth also lie? Can God lie? Titus 1:2, John 14:6

The Bible answers:_____

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9. If Jesus is not a lunatic or a liar what other options are there?

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10. What are the other evidences to support that Jesus is indeed God?

List of the evidences:

Matthew 7:28-29 _____

Matthew 8:27 _____

Hebrews 4:15 _____

Acts 3:15 _____

Matthew 9:6 _____

His teaching, His command of the sea, He was tempted yet without sin, His resurrection and His power to forgive sins are evidence of divinity.