

### **Who is Jesus? Jesus asked his disciples what people were saying about him**



“Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, **“You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you.**

You did not learn this from any human being. Matthew 16:13-17



**‘Our future depends on the answer to Jesus’ question  
“Who do you say I am?”**



### **Who is Jesus? – A good man, a great teacher?**

“Jesus travelled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom.” Matthew 4:23

**It’s not enough to believe in Jesus as a teacher of ethics**

### **Who is Jesus? What do atheists say?**

“Jesus was a very good soul.

He was an inspiration as a teacher.

I do think a lot of the things he says are actually nonsense when you examine them.” Stephen Fry,





### Who is Jesus? Rebel / troublemaker?

After that, he taught daily in the Temple, but the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the other leaders of the people began planning how to kill him. But they could think of nothing, because all the people hung on every word he said. Luke 19:47-48

“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said, would not be a great moral teacher.

He would either be a lunatic on the level of a man who says he’s a poached egg, or else he would be the devil of hell; you must take your choice.



Either this was and is the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse.



You can shut him up for a demon;

or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God.

But don’t come up with any patronising nonsense about his being a great moral teacher.

He hasn’t left us that option.” C S Lewis



### Who is Jesus? A miracle maker

And he (*Jesus*) healed every kind of disease and illness.

News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick.

And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed

— he healed them all. Matthew 4:23 -24



### **Who is Jesus? What did his enemies say?**

“On the eve of Passover, they hanged Yeshu.

He practised black magic and led Israel astray.”

It claims that he was the “son of an adulteress”

and that his father was a Roman soldier.

The Talmud - Jewish holy book 2nd century AD



### **Who is Jesus? More than a man**

“I know men and I tell you, Jesus is more than a man.

Comparison is impossible between him and any other human who ever lived, because he was the Son of God.”

Napoleon Bonaparte, military ruler of France

“Hardly anyone who hears the full story of Jesus & learns the true facts of his life & teaching ... walks away with a shrug of the shoulders, dismissing him as unimportant.

They know instinctively that they are dealing with a most remarkable greatness.”

Eugene Peterson, pastor, teacher, writer



### **Who is Jesus? What did the Romans say?**

Pliny – Roman Governor 112 AD reported

*“Christ is worshipped as a god.”*



### **Who is Jesus? His cousin, John the Baptist said:**

“He is far greater than I am for **he existed long before me.**”

John 1:15



### **Who is Jesus? What is in a NAME?**

A name was believed to describe someone's character. Jesus has many names.



He appears several times in the Old Testament under different names.

On one occasion he said his name was 'indescribable'.

Hagar called him 'The God who hears'.

➤ Do you have a favourite name or title for him?



### **Who is Jesus? Someone we need to experience**

"We can sometimes witness miracles

and yet no have a personal revelation of Jesus.

Knowing Jesus by revelation, radically changes life,

values, relationships and self-understanding.

Knowing Jesus is the key to freedom from the fear of death and all spiritual bondage."

Revd Prof Pavel Hanes



"If Jesus Christ were to come today, people would not crucify him. They would ask him to dinner and hear what he had to say, and make fun of it." Thomas Carlyle – Scottish writer 19<sup>th</sup> century

**Who is Jesus?**

**Want to know more?**

**Please feel free to take a copy of  
'WHO? The Story of Jesus'**

## Who is Jesus? Creator - who became human?



He existed in the beginning with God...

God created everything through him...

He gave life to everything that was created....

So He became human and made his home among us...

He has revealed God to us.

John 1:1-4; 14; 18 NLT; See also Isaiah 51:13; Job 38-41

<sup>6</sup> Though he was God,

he gave up his divine privileges...

and was born as a human being...

he humbled himself in obedience to God

and died a criminal's death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honour

and gave him the name above all other names,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:6-11 NTL abbreviated



## Who is Jesus?

### For reflection

- Write the word 'Jesus' in the middle of a piece of paper
- What does this name make you think of? How does it make you feel?
- Write or paint your thoughts around the word 'Jesus'.



## Who is Jesus? King of Kings and Lord of Lords



I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse,  
whose rider is called Faithful and True.

With justice he judges and wages war.

His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns.

He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses  
and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.

“He will rule them with an iron sceptre.”

He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

Revelation 19:11-16

“I knew there had to be more important things than tennis or money.

So I thought I'd give Jesus a chance.

There are only two directions in life –  
one that leads to helping others and one that leads to selfish purposes.

I wasn't on my way to helping others.

What Christianity has offered me is peace of mind  
and the understanding that it's not a big deal if you get beat.”

Andre Agassi, Tennis star

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