

Who is Jesus?



Mild & Meek



Buddy Buddy



Action Hero



Risen Savior



Who is Jesus to You?

Is Jesus God, or merely a good man?

1) Jesus is the most influential person in history.

A. People around the world worship him as God

B. Nearly Every major religion has dealt to some degree with Jesus

C. Calendar split into BC / AD

2) Jesus said he was God

Matt 1:23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”

2) Jesus said he was God

John 8:53-58 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word.

2) Jesus said he was God

John 8:53-58 (cont.) Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

2) Jesus said he was God

John 10:30-39 I and the Father are one.” The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.”

2) Jesus said he was God

John 10:30-39 (cont.) Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”

2) Jesus said he was God

John 10:30-39 (cont.) If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

3) Jesus' death and resurrection

Jesus was put to death for blasphemy

3) Jesus' death and resurrection

Death foretold (Evidence)

Isaiah 53 :7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

3) Jesus' death and resurrection

Death foretold (Evidence)

Isaiah 53 :9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

3) Jesus' death and resurrection

Death foretold (Evidence)

Mark 15:42-46 And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

3) Jesus' death and resurrection

Death foretold (Evidence)

Mark 15:42-46 (cont.) And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

3) Jesus' death and resurrection

Resurrection – He appeared physically
(Evidence)

Matt 28:9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

3) Jesus' death and resurrection

Resurrection – He appeared physically

John 20:20-22 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

3) Jesus' death and resurrection

Resurrection – He appeared physically

1 Cor 15:5-6 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

3) Jesus' death and resurrection

Resurrection – His followers worshipped

- a) Apostles
- b) Brother Jude
- c) Brother James
- d) Paul

3) Jesus' death and resurrection

Resurrection – Early Church

The early church preached based upon witnessing Jesus' death and resurrection

3) Jesus' death and resurrection

Resurrection – Historical Evidence

4) Pick your side

Jesus is God

vs

Jesus is not God

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