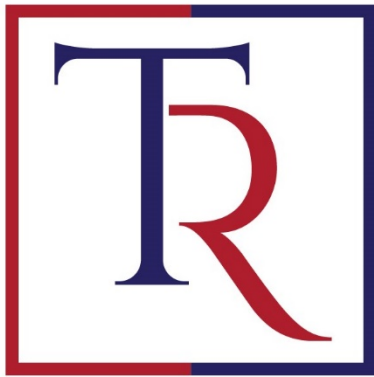


Who is JESUS?



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Lesson 1

Who is This Jesus?

All Scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, New King James*

Introduction

1.He existed!

- Evidence outside the New Testament about Jesus includes:
- Tacitus & Suetonius, Roman Historians
- Josephus, Jewish Historians

And of course the mass of evidence within the New Testament, which of course is part of world history ,the millions of books written since then and the millions of believers today

*Was he more than just, a man, a great human, a religious teacher? **Lets see.***



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Matthew 16:13-16

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "**Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?**"

¹⁴ So they said, "Some say **John the Baptist**, some **Elijah**, and others **Jeremiah** or **one of the prophets.**"

¹⁵ He said to them, "But **who do you say that I am?**"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**"

Let us look at what the bible can tell us about him



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John 4:6

Jesus was fully **Human**, let's see what the bible says.

His body?

⁶ Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being **wearied** from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.



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Matthew 4:2

And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was **hungry**.



Mark 11:-17

Emotions

¹⁵ So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to **drive out** those who bought and sold in the temple, and **overturned** the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

¹⁶ And He would **not allow** anyone to carry **wares through the temple.** ¹⁷ Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, '*My house shall be called a **house of prayer** for all nations*'?"* But you have made it a '**den of thieves.**'"

Angry



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Mark 10:21

Then Jesus Looking at him,
LOVED him.



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John 11:32-36

³² Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was **troubled**. ³⁴ And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

³⁵ Jesus **wept**. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how He **loved** him!"

Sadness, sorrow

Mark 1:13

He had human experiences

13 And He was there in the wilderness forty days, **tempted** by Satan,

Who gets tempted by “things”?



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Luke 2:46-52

Learning

46 Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both **listening** to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ⁴⁸ So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

⁴⁹ And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

⁵¹ Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in **wisdom** and stature, and in favour with God and men.



Mark 6:3

Work

³ Is this not the **carpenter**, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.



Luke 2:51

Obedience

⁵¹ Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was **subject** to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.



John 6:35

All those scriptures showed us that
he was human, just like us

What did he say about himself? He taught
people who He is

35 And Jesus said to them, "I am
the bread of life. He who comes to
Me shall never hunger, and he who
believes in Me shall never thirst.



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John 8:12

¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I am** the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."



John 11:25, 26

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in Me, though he may die, **he shall live.** ²⁶ **And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.** Do you believe this?"



John 14:6

⁶ Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**"



Luke 22:30

³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in **My kingdom**, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."



Matthew 11:28, 29

28 Come to Me, all *you* who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you **rest**. **29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find **rest** for your **souls**. **30** For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."



Mark 1:17

Follow me

Then Jesus said to them, "**Follow Me**, and I will make you become fishers of men."



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Matthew 10:40

"He who receives **you** receives **Me**,
and he who receives **Me** receives
Him who sent Me.



Mark 9:37

37 "Whoever receives one of these little children in **My name** receives **Me**; and whoever receives **Me**, receives **not Me** but **Him** who sent **Me**."



John 14:9

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father;** so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"



Mark 2:5

Look what he did, forgiveness

⁵ When Jesus saw their **faith**, He said to the **paralytic**, "Son, your **sins are forgiven you.**"

"They wanted to stone him for blaspheming"



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Matthew 25:21, 32, 40, 45

The Righteous Judge of the world

³¹ "When the **Son of Man** comes in His glory, and all the holy* angels with Him, then He will sit on the **throne** of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will **separate them** one from another, as a shepherd divides *his sheep* from the **goats**.

⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'

⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.'



Mark 14:61, 62

His claims: *The Messiah*

61 But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

62 Jesus said, "**I am.** And you will see the **Son of Man** sitting at the **right hand** of the **Power**, and coming with the clouds of heaven."



John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "**Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.**"



John 20:26-29

²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "**My Lord and my God!**"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas,* because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."



John 10:30-33

³⁰ I and *My* Father are one."

³¹ Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. ³² Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

³³ 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."



What evidence is there to support
what he said?

The Beatitudes – Mathew 5-7, to read at home

Wonderful teaching of how we can live



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John 10:37

His actual works

37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸ but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe* **that the Father is in Me, and I in Him."**



- ***His Character***, love, faith, kindness, forgiveness, patience, righteousness, lifestyle, humility, vision, knowledge, his willingness to help, incredible wisdom, healing, spiritual awareness, amazing what he did
- ***His fulfilment of old testament prophecies***, over 400 have been counted
- ***His conquest of death*** , something nearly all people would hope could be true!



Evidence for the resurrection

Theories.- Jesus did not die?

John 19:33-34

33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Theory.-Someone stole the body

We know the Romans had a guard and sealed the tomb!



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John 20:1-9, resurrection morning Jesus absence from the tomb

20 Now the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

³ Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. ⁴ So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. ⁵ And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying *there*; yet he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying *there*, ⁷ and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. **9** For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.



2. His presence with the disciples

- *Hallucinations?*
- *Number of Appearances , at least 11 different occasions, 500+people over a period of 6 weeks*
- *Nature of the appearances(see the next slide)*



Luke 24:36-43

³⁶ Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." ³⁷ But they were **terrified and frightened**, and supposed they had seen a **spirit**. ³⁸ And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹

Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When He had said this, He **showed** them His **hands** and His **feet**.* ⁴¹ But while they still did not believe for joy, and marvelled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" ⁴² So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.* ⁴³ And He took *it* and ate in their presence.



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The Immediate Effect

The birth and growth of the church

4. Effect down the ages, the experience of Christian's through the ages, history

Today estimates from 1.6 billion to 2 billion



C S Lewis. Author of the Chronicles of Narnia and Oxford historian

He wrote

“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 insane or else he would be ‘the Devil of hell’. ‘You must make your choice’, he writes.

Either Jesus was, and is, the Son of God or else he was insane or evil BUT, C S Lewis goes on, ‘Let us not come up with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. ‘He did not intend to’.

We are faced with a frightening alternative. ‘Either Jesus was (and is) exactly what he said or else he was insane or something worse’. To C S Lewis it seemed clear that he could neither be insane or evil and thus he concludes.

‘However strange or terrifying it may seem, I have to accept the view that he was and is God’.



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***WE BELIEVE HE IS WHO
HE SAYS HE IS AND
RECEIVE ALL HE HAS FOR
US***

***It's the reason we do this, all we read, study and learn.
We follow and receive the promises the bible has for
us!***

***We just had to listen, learn and have a mustard seed of
faith to believe that "it could be true"***



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