
The Essentials: Knowing, Believing, & Loving Jesus

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John 8:51-59; Acts 2:22-36; 2 Corinthians 11:3-4

Who Do People Say That I Am?

I. In today's world (& recent past)

who people say Jesus is - Top 7 responses

- A. Jesus the alien
- B. Jehovah's Witness Jesus
 - 1. Michael the archangel
 - 2. Did not die on a cross
 - 3. Did not rise bodily from the grave
 - 4. Returned "invisibly" in 1914
- C. The "nice guy" Jesus
 - 1. Liberal theology
 - 2. Liberal main line Jesus
- D. Da Vinci Code Jesus
 - 1. A legend that grew
 - 2. Was married & had children
- E. Mormon Jesus
 - 1. God was once a man
 - 2. God had several children
 - 3. Jesus & Lucifer brothers
- F. New age Jesus
 - 1. Evolved to higher level of consciousness

- 2. Becoming one with divine light
- G. Islam Jesus
 - 1. A prophet
 - 2. A prophet less than Mohammed

II. What C.S. Lewis declared

- A. Jesus is either a liar
 - 1. Saying He is God
 - 2. Only way to God
- B. Jesus is a lunatic
- C. Jesus is Lord
 - 1. Full of grace & truth
 - 2. All authority
- D. Jesus declared "Unless you believe I am He you will all die in your sins" John 8:24

III. What did Jesus claim?

- A. He is the Great I Am
 - 1. John 8:58
- B. The only way to salvation & revelation of God
 - 1. John 14:1-12
- C. He is the resurrection & the life
 - 1. John 11:25-28
- D. He came down from heaven
 - 1. John 6:38
- E. The source of salvation
 - 1. John 3:16
 - 2. John 6:47
- F. All authority
 - 1. Matthew 28:18
- G. The final judge
 - 1. John 5:22

IV. What the followers of Jesus said

- A. Thou art the Messiah - Peter
- B. He was the Word incarnate - John
- C. He was God in the flesh - John
- D. He was full of grace & truth - John
- E. He was love - John
- F. He holds everything together - Paul
- G. He has all deity in bodily form - Paul

**V. The miracles He performed
10 most known**

- A. Calmed the sea
- B. Raised the dead
 - 1. 3 times
- C. Gave the blind sight
- D. Made deaf to hear
- E. Cast off demons
- F. Turned water into wine
- G. Made the lame to walk
 - 1. Forgave sin
- H. Fed the multitudes
- I. Rose from the grave
- J. Ascended into heaven
(Testimony of Josephus)

VI. His promise to you personally

- A. Whosoever believes has eternal life
 - 1. John 3:14-16
- B. He loses none of His sheep
 - 1. John 10:27-29
- C. He adopts those who believe

- 1. John 1:11-12

- D. You hear His voice in your life
 - 1. John 5
 - 2. John 10
- E. He has prepared a place for you
 - 1. John 14
- F. He will raise you from your grave
 - 1. 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18
- G. He gives you purpose & reward
 - 1. Revelation 22:12
- H. He lives in us
 - 1. Galatians 2:20
- I. Grace & forgiveness
- J. Reign with Him
 - 1. Revelation 20

VII. The daily blessing of Jesus

- A. Assurance
- B. Wisdom of His Word
- C. Holds us together
- D. Words to say
- E. Purpose in life
 - 1. We have the key

This Is The Essential Of Our Faith