

JESUS

Day 1: Who Was Jesus?

Read

[John 14:6](#) (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

[John 14:10-11](#) (NIV)

Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

THINK

Jesus professed to be the Son of God and that he was on an equal footing with God. He claimed he had the power and the authority to forgive sins. Eyewitness accounts tell the story of his miracles including healing those who were demon-possessed, blind, or disabled. He was even known to have raised dead people back to life. He said there will come a day when he will judge the world. It would be completely up to us how his judgment would impact our lives.

This claim drove the Jewish leaders of that time (and today) absolutely crazy! They claimed Jesus was being blasphemous since he was professing he was God. They were angry and demanded he should be killed for making these statements.

The theologian and author C. S. Lewis pointed out that "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,' Either Jesus was, and is, the Son of God or else he was insane or evil.

QUESTIONS

- Who have people said Jesus was?
- Who do you believe Jesus was?
- What is the significance of Jesus' claims to be God?

PRAY

"Jesus, there are many things said about who you are. Reveal yourself to me so that I might be guided by you."



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Day 2: What Did Jesus Do?

Read

[Luke 19:10](#) (NIV)

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

[Romans 5:8-11](#) (NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

[1 John 4:10](#) (NIV)

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

THINK

Do you want to read the good news or bad news first? Let's start with the bad news. Without Jesus, we are sentenced to death. We would have no hope. There would never be a way for us to reconcile our wrongs with God. We would just keep on sinning and turn further and further from God. We would never be called his children. We would be lost.

However, now for the good news! Jesus came to earth to save us, to die for us. To take our place. He is the only way we can restore our relationship with God. He came to save us from our sins. Trust you me, we have all sinned.

There is not one person on this planet who is "good enough" to reconcile their relationship with God without the gift from Jesus. That gift cost Jesus his life. The crazy thing about it is that he died for us knowing some would not care, or believe in him. Regardless, he died for everyone.

We might allow our brains to set anchor in all of our past choices, failures, and flaws and not fathom that Jesus would possibly die for someone like us. That's why I love what the Bible says in Romans 5:8-11.

Christ came to earth to die for us while we were still sinners! Read that again! While we were still sinners! Not perfect people. Not after we memorized the whole Bible. Not when we finally stopped sinning. Not when we didn't curse and fall down at times. He came and died for us while we were down in the dirt. While we were in the middle of our mess. Not because he deserved to die. He died because he loved us.

Then he did something no other person on the planet has ever done. He rose from the dead three days after he was crucified. He completed his victory over death. He paid our bill. He took our place on the stand. He took the beating we deserved. He covered all our past, present, and future sins. He allowed us to become debt free. He wants to have a relationship with us! That's some amazing kind of love!

QUESTIONS

- Do you really believe you have been forgiven and your sins are forgotten?
- What do you think Jesus wants from you?

PRAY

"Jesus, thank you for taking my place and dying for my sins. I know that I am a sinner and my sin has separated me from God, I believe in what you have done for me and I desire to follow you"

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Day 3: What Does Jesus Want?

Read

[Romans 6:17-18](#) (NIV)

But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

THINK

We aren't good enough to be friends with God because we follow all the rules and commandments more often than not. We are good enough because we have faith and trust the only One who is good: Jesus! God gave His people guardrails to live by to show them the way life works best. He wants us to learn that we can never be good enough without His help.

God's help is a gift called grace. Grace is a gift that can never be earned. We can't earn God's grace by working hard to please Him. He gives it freely. We aren't strong enough to please Him by ourselves. God's grace gives us the power to live free from sin. We are free from the bondage of sin. That means sin has no control over us. It means that we get to share with others what God has done for us.

How do we share what Jesus has done for us?

We do this by our actions, by our speech, and by the way we get back up when we fall. We show the world that we are forgiven and free because of Jesus. Our optics are different. We focus on God more than we focus on ourselves. We love others even when it's hard. We love people enough to walk alongside them during the good, the bad, and the ugly. We love people enough to point them to Jesus no matter what we are facing. Even when it is unpopular and difficult. We pray. We talk to God as often as we can. He wants to hear from us. We read his scripture, the Bible. Try and get on a reading plan or join a Bible study group or listen to it on an app if you don't like to read. There is not a thing taking place on this planet that the Bible can not walk us through. Get together with other Christians. Join a lifegroup. Get involved by serving in your church. Tell someone your story! Let them know what God is doing in your life!

Remember this, no matter what comes our way the enemy will try and convince us we are not worthy. That we really don't matter. It's a lie. We do matter. We are loved. Jesus died for us. Don't quit. Don't throw in the towel. Stay in the fight! Jesus is right there with us!

QUESTIONS

- What does it mean that Jesus freed us from our sin?
- How can you stay connected to Jesus as you follow Him?
- What is your next step on your faith journey?

PRAY

"Jesus, thank you for freeing me from sin. Help to share what you have done for me with others. Let me connect to a community that will encourage and challenge me in following you."