

WHO IS JESUS?

C.S. Lewis was one of this centuries greatest Christian writers and thinkers. After accessing the claims that Jesus made about himself, Lewis concluded, there were only two

alternatives for the reader. Either you accept Him as the Son of God, or reject Him as a madman. Lewis observed that Jesus' claims were far too radical to simply say he was a good man. The Muslims even revere Him as a great prophet.



HIS WORD SAYS

1. In a prophecy connected with the birth of Christ, how long does it say that He has existed? Micah 5:2

Jesus life cannot be measured in years. He has existed from all eternity as the eternal, self-existent Son of God.

2. How long did Jesus say He had been with God the Father? John 17:5, 24

The prophets said: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6. (Psalm 102: 25-26) Jesus has existed in glory with the Father from the days of eternity.

WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT HIMSELF

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6

As you study, be thinking about the Life Quest questions.

- What does this topic tell me about God?
- What difference does this topic make to my daily life?
- How does this topic help me in my relationship with Jesus?

3. What does God the Father call the Son? Hebrews 1:8

The Father acknowledges Jesus as one equal with Himself. He shows this by calling Him God. See also Psalms 45:6, 7 and notice there how God the Father is speaking to God the Son.

4. Who was the Rock that Paul was telling about that led the Israelites out of Egypt? 1 Corinthians 10:1-4.

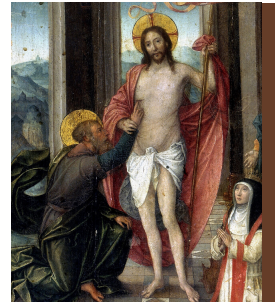
Christ personally guided the Israelites out of Egypt around 1500 B.C. as a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day (Exodus 13: 21,22). Jesus said, “I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” John 8:12.

5. In accepting Christ as His Saviour, how did Thomas address Him? John 20:28

Thomas acknowledged Jesus divinity, a declaration that Jesus accepted as the truth. Jesus declared a blessing on those who would acknowledge this fact without having to see it with their own eyes.

6. What did John refer to Christ as? John 1:1-3, 14

John establishes Jesus as the Word of God, One who exists with God and is God. It is by God's Word that all things have been created (Psalms 33:9). As the Word of God, John is establishing Jesus as our Creator.



7. Who created the world? Colossians 1:13-16

See also Hebrews 1:1-2.

8. In what forms was Jesus as mentioned in Philippians 2:5-7?

Jesus is the express image of the Father (Hebrews 1:3). No one has seen the Father at any time, it is Jesus who has revealed Him to us (John 1:18). A part of Jesus mission to this world was to reveal to us the love and nature of our Heavenly Father. Today many see the Father as harsh and unloving, but in actual fact, the Father shares the same love for us as His Son. Only one who is in His image and bears His likeness in all things could reveal this to us.

9. Who did Peter say that Jesus was? Matthew 16:15-16

10. Who did the Ethiopian believe Jesus to be? Acts 8:37

As we can see, there are many instances recorded in Scripture where people acknowledge Jesus divinity as the Son of God, one who is equal to the Father.

11. How does Christ describe the unity that exists between Him and the Father?

John 10:30



In this statement Jesus was showing His closeness to the Father as one who was united with him in will, purpose and objectives. This was also a claim to divinity which is why the Jews took up stones to kill Him (see vs 31-33).

12. At the baptism of Christ, what did the Father call Jesus? Matthew 3:16, 17

Three Persons comprise the Godhead - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. See Matthew 28:19. Three Persons, but one God. At Jesus baptism we see the three members of the Godhead present and working together in the great plan of our salvation.

13. Who did Paul say was manifest in the flesh? 1 Timothy 3:16

14. By what miracle was Christ born into this world? Matthew 1:18, 20; Luke 1:35

Jesus was born of a virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit. This was a direct fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah 7:14.

15. Who did Jesus say He was, after He told the Jews that Abraham rejoiced to see His day? John 8:56-58

Christ used the name by which He had revealed Himself to Moses at the burning bush "And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you." Exodus 3:14. This means that Jesus has been alive forever. He was present in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. Jesus said "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39-40. Again Jesus is openly testifying that He is God and the Jew's response is similar (see vs 59).



16. What type of life did Christ live? 1 Peter 2:21, 22

Jesus lived a perfect life and serves as a perfect example of how we should live. Jesus spent more time healing and serving others than anything else. See also Isaiah 61:1-3.

17. How did Christ pay the penalty for our sins that we might be forgiven?
1 Peter 2:23, 24

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Isaiah 53:11

18. How only may we receive eternal life? John 3:16

19. Through what may we all be sanctified so that we may all be one with Jesus and His Father? John 17:17, 19

Jesus is the Word and He is truth (John 14:6). Through a living connection with Jesus we can be restored to the divine image and live a life that is pleasing to God. We learn of Jesus as we study the Bible.



20. What has separated us from God?
Isaiah 59:2

There is only one thing in existence that can separate us from God and it is sin. Sin is something that God hates because it destroys our lives and separates us from His love. Jesus came to give us power to have victory over sin, so that we might no longer be slaves to it (John 8:34-36). See also Romans 8:38-39.

21. Does God still hear us and reach out to us despite our faults? Isaiah 59:1 & Romans 5:8

God sent His Son to pay the penalty for sin for us so that we could be reconciled to Him (2 Corinthians 5:19). God has not forsaken us

because of our sins, He was willing to give up all heaven to have us restored to harmony with Him.

22. What other reason are we given for why Jesus became a man? Hebrew 2:17 & 4:15

It can be easy for us to feel like we are going through difficulties or challenges that no one, including God, can understand. When Jesus came to our world He lived a simple life and suffered all of the same trials, temptations, and hardships that we do. In many way Jesus went through far worse things than we can imagine. This should give us courage to take our cares to God. He fully understands our needs and empathises with our suffering.

23. By accepting Christ and His sacrifice, what will we receive? 1 John 5:11, 12

Isaiah 53:5 "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed".



WHAT AN INCREDIBLE SAVIOUR!

LIFE QUEST

Have you thoughtfully reviewed these questions?

- What does this topic tell me about God?
- What difference does this topic make to my daily life?
- How does this topic help me in my relationship with Jesus?

YOUR TURN

Check the statements that most closely reflect your response to this study.

I feel comfortable with my understanding of who Jesus is.

I would like to study this subject further.

I want to express my appreciation to Jesus for his love to me and sacrifice for me.

Other _____

To learn more about who Jesus is and find out how He perfectly fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies of the coming Messiah, even down to the very year of His baptism in 27 A.D., go to www.thefinalcrisis.info/post/was-jesus-the-propheisied-messiah