

In Search of the Real Jesus

Word

Scripture Reference

John 7:10-20

Discussion Questions

1. How would you like other people to describe you?
2. Unbelievers from all walks of life have different ideas of who Jesus is. He could be a Feel Good Jesus who helps people to cope with problems, or a Politically Correct Jesus who would never criticize you or tell you to change. For others, He is the Martyr Jesus who tried to do the right things, but still died a cruel death. Or a Rebel Jesus who opposed those in power and blames everything on the system. Some calls Him the Boyfriend Jesus because He is someone who wraps his arms around them and together they sing about His unending love in their little secret place. And the most popular one is the Life Coach Jesus because He shows you how to help people, change the world, and become a better you. What kind of things are people today telling about Jesus? What would be your response if someone asked you who Jesus is to you?
3. Read John 7:11-13 and 40-43. This passage shows people during Jesus times having different ideas about Him. At this time Jesus had been teaching for almost three years and had been attracting a lot of people. That time there was a lot of disagreement about who Jesus is, and there were four common answers:
 - a. *Jesus the Good Man.* What did the people think of Jesus in verse 12? What made them think that Jesus was a good man? Why did the Jewish rulers get upset with Jesus if they thought that He was a good man? Share your reaction if a loved one or someone close to you doubted you or your abilities. What would you tell a person who thinks that Jesus is a good man,

but is in doubt of Jesus' being God?

- b. *Jesus the Liar.* Jesus has been forgiving the sin of the people He encountered, which upset the Jewish leaders because they thought that only God could forgive sins. Because of this, what did the people say about Jesus in verse 12? How would you dispute the claim of the Jewish leaders that Jesus was a deceiver? How did Jesus describe Himself in John 14:6?
- c. *Jesus the Prophet.* Jesus is not just a messenger or a prophet. He is the message. Discuss why many people today feel that Jesus is God's messenger or a prophet? How does John 1:1,14 dispute this claim of many people about Jesus? Discuss how the fact that God became a man affected your life today?
- d. *Jesus the Christ.* What did the people in verse 41 call Jesus? What is the meaning of this name? Share the insights you have gained from the significance of Jesus Christ in your life.

Walk

Jesus is not another good man nor just another wonder-worker. He is not just a prophet or a reflection of the current mood. He is not the projection of our own desires. He was the one we have been waiting for—the Son of David; the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world. Is this the Jesus you come to worship? Is He your Savior and the Master of your life? What particular need should you trust Christ to satisfy this week?

Worship & Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to the world to save us from our sin. He is indeed the Christ—the Messiah and the only way to You. He is also the truth and life! People who don't acknowledge Him for Who He is can say a lot of things about Him, but thank you for revealing us the truth about Him—that Jesus is indeed the Only way, the truth and life. That no one can come to the Father, but through Him. We have indeed an assurance of abundant life and eternity through Him. Thank you, Lord God. In Jesus Name, Amen.