

Who is Jesus?

Catch the Wave

- Welcome
- Prayer
- **ASK**
 - Q1 – **How would you fill in this blank: To me, Jesus is _____ ?**
- Segue: The way you answer that question tells a lot about you. It's considered by many to be the most important question you'll ever answer. Let's watch the cast of *Maui* wrestle with this question.
- Watch Video – Episode 8
- **ASK**
 - Q1 – **Has your answer about who Jesus is changed since we watched the video? If not, why not? If so, how did it change?**
 - Q2 – **Do you agree with Rachel's point of view that "she sees both sides of it" when talking about whether Jesus is God? Why or why not?**
 - Q3 – **Greg pointed out that if Jesus is truly God, it changes the whole equation. What do you think he meant by that statement?**

Additional Questions

Dive Deep

- Greg pointed out the 'question and the conflict' over who Jesus is, and quoted a Bible passage where Jesus brings up the question.
- Read Mt. 16:13-17
- **ASK**
 - Q1 – **Why did Jesus care about what people said about Him?**
 - Q2 – **Why were there different opinions about who He is even back then? (i.e., John the Baptist, Elijah, prophet, etc.)**
 - Q3 – **Did Peter get the right answer? Why or why not?**
 - Q4 – **Is the idea that Jesus is the Son of God a human idea? Why or why not?**
- Read John 10:25-33, Mark 2:1-11, John 8:58 and John 8:23-24
- **ASK**
 - Q1 – **Did Jesus make His claim of being God clear to the people of His day? Why or why not?**
 - Q2 – **How do the miracles that Jesus performed tie in with His claim to be God?**
 - Q3 – **What did Jesus say would happen to those who don't believe His claim of being God?**

Sail Home

- Pass out the handout of John 1 with the question "Who do you say that I am?" included at the bottom. Ask students to read and write down their response.
- Have volunteers share.



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- Explain the “Lord, Liar, Lunatic” trilemma C.S. Lewis proposed:

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.” That is the one thing we must not say. A man who said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.¹

- How you answer the question “Who is Jesus?” is the most important question in life and one everyone must answer.
- Close by presenting the gospel and inviting teens to trust Christ or recommit their lives to Him.

Notes

- Encourage students to invite friends to next week’s episode.
- *Shreddin the Gnar*: Jesus commands us to take the gospel message to others. Read chapter 13 “What happens in the Dash.” It will challenge you to make the most of the life Jesus has given you and use your years on earth to make a difference for His kingdom.

Notes

¹Lewis, C.S. (Clive Staples), *Mere Christianity*, revised edition, New York, Macmillan/Collier, 1952, p. 55 ff.