

# What is Jesus' message?

## Catch the Wave

- Welcome
- Prayer
- **ASK**
  - Q1 – **What three words would you use to describe Jesus?**
  - Q2 – **What three words would He use to describe you?**
  - Q3 – **If Jesus was born in our time, what would He need to do to prove He is God?**
- Segue: In many surveys about Jesus, people use the word “nice” to describe Jesus. But the Bible paints a very different picture of Jesus Christ. As we watch Episode 9, see if you think “nice” is a good word for describing Jesus.
- Watch Video – Episode 9
- **ASK**
  - Q1 – **Why did Rachel’s position change since the last episode?**
  - Q2 – **What is your reaction to Jonathan’s offended response at having to read the Bible?**
  - Q3 – **Why didn’t anyone conclude that Jesus was just a nice guy who went around doing nice things?**

## Additional Questions

## Dive Deep

- The bottom line to this series comes down to this: Jesus is not just a “nice” guy, He is also the central figure to history whose life and teachings demanded a response.
- We’re doing to read a portion of the passages Greg asked the *Maui* cast to read. Read John Chapter 3.
- **ASK**
  - Q1 – **How is reducing Jesus to just a “nice” guy completely contrary to the descriptions just read?** (John 3:36)
  - Q2 – **What surprised you from the narrative?**
  - Q3 – **What kind of response is John trying to elicit?**
- Read
  - Romans 10:13-14 (“Him” refers to Jesus. “Call upon the name of the Lord” is a quote from Joel 2:32.)
  - Joel 2:32 (Lord here is YHWH, the name of God revealed in Ex. 3:14. Thus YHWH is equated with Jesus.)
- **ASK**
  - Q1 – **What do these verses show you about the God of the Old Testament and Jesus?**
  - Q2 – **What does it mean to “call upon” someone’s name?**
  - Q3 – **Will all people eventually know that Jesus is who He claimed to be? Why or why not?**
- The world doesn’t crucify “nice” people. It crucified Jesus because He claimed to be God, proved He was God and showed that He is the only way to heaven.
  - The Romans hated that message because they worshiped their made up gods who “let them” get away with whatever.
  - The Jewish religious leaders hated that message because they refused to believe Jesus as a man could be equal with God.
  - Yet it was Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection that proved that very message was true.





## Sail Home

- Remember the story of Father Damien from last episode—the priest who worked with the leper colony in Hawaii.
  - He voluntarily lived among the broken and the dying.
  - Eventually his sacrificial love for them cost him his life—he died of leprosy.
- Doesn't Father Damien's story remind you of the verses we looked at? (John 3:16)
  - God looked down at the earth He created that was filled with a disease worse than leprosy called sin.
  - He loved us so much that Jesus lived among us, knowing full well that in order to cure our "disease" He would have to die.
  - Through his death on the cross He made the free gift of salvation available to all.
  - That's the message that sets Jesus apart. He is asking us to put our trust in Him to cure our "disease" of sin. What are you going to do with Jesus?
- Have the students find an isolated place with paper/journal and pen and write out who they think Jesus is.
- When students come back together ask for volunteers to read what they wrote.

### Notes

## Aloha

- What are you going to do with Jesus? It's the most important question you'll ever answer.
- Close in prayer, presenting the gospel message and giving students an opportunity to silently put their faith and trust in Jesus or to reconsider their commitment to His call on their life or providing an opportunity to commit or recommit to a personal relationship with Jesus.

### Notes

*Shreddin the Gnar:* Sometimes responding to Jesus and His message is a process. Read the Epilogue of *Shreddin*, called "The Journey Continues" for insights on how to continue to pray, pursue and persuade your friends to consider Jesus and His message.

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