



THE PROBLEM OF JESUS

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What makes Christianity different from any other religion is that God actually entered our world and became human. “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son [Jesus] from the Father” (John 1:14). If this is true, isn’t it worth breaking from the busyness of your life to listen to what he has to say, to learn from what he did? Don’t you want to lean into the One who understands what it’s like to be human?

BIG IDEA: Jesus as God means God is with us and for us!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had a shared experience with someone that strengthened your connection with them? What is it about presence that is so significant to relationships?
2. Have you or someone you know ever doubted that Jesus was God? What was the reasoning?
3. Name a metaphor commonly used by Jesus to describe himself as God in the Gospels that resonates most with you (e.g., vine, light, word, shepherd).
4. Two reasons people reject the idea that Jesus claimed to be God: 1) They have an idea of who God is, and Jesus doesn’t fit into that idea or 2) They have an idea of who Jesus is, and God doesn’t fit into that idea. Which one of those seems most likely to you? Why?
5. What stood out to you from Carlo’s teaching on the problem of Jesus as God? How did it challenge you?
6. Read [Philippians 2:1–11](#). What does this passage teach us about the early church and their perspective of Jesus?
7. Read [John 14:1–4](#). How does Jesus comfort his disciples? How does this passage bring comfort to you?
8. Read [Matthew 7:7–29](#). What warnings and encouragements does Jesus give in this passage? Pick the warning or encouragement that stands out most to you. How does this shape the way you live your everyday life?
9. Carlo shared that “Christianity claims it is the way to a particular kind of salvation that no other religion has—eternity with God.” How does this shape your understanding of salvation and what it means for your life?

We have longings in ourselves that nothing in our experience can touch, and more importantly, neither can they justify or explain them. In your quiet time this week, think about the longings in your life that cannot be fulfilled on this earth. Look for the ways that you are being pointed to the goodness of God’s love. Give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus, that we can experience an intimate and personal relationship with him. If you’ve never experienced a personal relationship with Jesus before, take a moment to talk to your small group leader and consider what it would mean for you to follow Jesus.