



# WHAT WOULD JESUS SAY TO

## WHAT WOULD JESUS SAY TO, PART 4: ELON MUSK

The richest and perhaps the smartest person on the planet—some call him *Da Vinci Plus*—Elon Musk has reinvented and turned on its head so many aspects of different areas of our lives: banking, the internet, electric cars, energy, space exploration, public transportation, medicine, AI, and now social media. So what would Jesus say to Elon? What would they talk about?

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus makes you better and makes you better at life.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you respond to a respected friend who says, “I don’t know how an intelligent person like you can believe in God?”
2. “If I believe in science, I can’t believe in God.” What are the problems associated with that view?
3. How has a ‘scientific’ world view either challenged your faith, become an obstacle to faith for you or become a catalyst to faith for you?
4. Chris said, “*Christianity is not opposed to science, because all truth is God’s truth. Good science leads to God.*” Share briefly how you balance science and your belief in God and to what extent you think that the two can coexist.
5. [With your Bible or Bible App, read Psalm 8:3-9.](#)

*<sup>3</sup> When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place—<sup>4</sup> what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? <sup>5</sup> Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority—<sup>7</sup> the flocks and the herds and all the wild animals, <sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and everything that swims the ocean currents. <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!*

[Psalms 8:3-9 \(NLT\)](#)

6. What does the Psalmist say about creation? What do the heavens, the sky and all of creation reveal about God?
7. Contrast the psalmist’s view of humans vs. Carl Sagan’s view of the insignificance of Earth and humans:

Astronomer Carl Sagan said that we live on “*An insignificant planet of a humdrum star lost in a galaxy tucked away in some forgotten corner of a universe in which there are far more galaxies than people.*”

8. Does it surprise you that 51% of scientists today believe in some God or some form of higher power, and 33% believe in a personal God? Why or why not?
9. One of the things Jesus would say to Elon Musk is, “Who do you say that I am?” [With your Bible or Bible App, read Mark 8:27-30.](#)

*<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” <sup>28</sup> “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets.” <sup>29</sup> Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup> But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.*

[Mark 8:27-30 \(NLT\)](#)

10. If you were to ask the average person today, "Who is Jesus Christ?" What would he or she say?
11. What answers have been given to Jesus' question (*verse 27, see Mark 3:21-22, 4:41, 5:17 & 6:3, 14-15*)
12. What was significant about Peter's answer?
13. Chris said, "*All of us will have to answer that question, 'Who is Jesus?'*"

## MOVING FORWARD

So many people believe there's an irreconcilable tension between science and Christianity. If you become a Christian, you can't embrace science. If you embrace science, you can't have faith. What if faith and reason aren't enemies, but friends?

"Who do you say I am?" This is the question Jesus asked His disciples centuries ago, and it is the same one He asks us today. Is He just a good teacher? A fanatical madman? Or is He more? Is he the Son of God who died for us so we can spend eternity with Him?

## RESOURCES TO GO DEEPER

Today's sermon is based on themes found in the book *Mere Christianity*, a classic book by C. S. Lewis that presents an intellectual approach to the Christian faith in an accessible way. Although some of the language is dated (the book was written 70 years ago), the basic arguments for faith continue to challenge both believers and non-believers today.

- *The Case for a Creator* by Lee Strobel
- *New Evidence That Demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell
- *The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller
- *Darwin on Trial* by Phillip E. Johnson
- *Who Made God? And answers to over 100 other tough questions of faith* edited by Ravi Zacharias and Norman Geisler
- *The Faith of a Physicist* and *Exploring Reality: The Intertwining of Science and Religion* by John Polkinghorne
- *Know Why You Believe* by Paul Little
- *Tough Questions about God, Faith, and Life* by Charles Colson
- *The Lost World of Genesis One: Ancient cosmology and the origins debate* by John H. Walton
- *The Language of Science and Faith* by Karl Giberson and Francis Collins
- *The Language of God* by Francis Collins

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

Then he asked them, "*But who do you say I am?*" Peter replied, "*You are the Messiah.*" Mark 8:29