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INTRODUCTION

Jesus is the central figure and cornerstone of Christianity. Every square inch of Christian history, the church and our own lives are shaped by Him. Jesus is the most written about and consequential person in history. Yet, even Jesus can be counterfeited and co-opted. Who is the *real* Jesus? That's the question we are looking to answer.

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:15-20

What do you observe going on in the text?

What does the text say specifically about Jesus?

DISCUSSION

What is happened in 1st century Rome that is created confusion about Jesus and the Gospel?

What changed in the 21st century that has created a similar crisis around truth?



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DISCUSSION CONTINUED...

The famous rock band U2's front-man Bono was asked about his religious views of Jesus. In an interview, Bono channels C.S. Lewis' apologetic line by saying, *"When people say 'Good teacher,' 'Prophet,' 'Really nice guy,' ... this is not how Jesus thought of himself," Bono said. "So, you're left with a challenge in that, which is either Jesus was who he said he was or a complete and utter nut case."*

Who do most people (in your experience) understand Jesus to be?

What aspects of Jesus do people love? Hate?

How does the *real* Jesus challenge you?

APPLICATION

Where does Jesus challenge our assumptions currently?

In politics?

In relationships?

Where does Jesus need to be "1st place" in your life this week?

How will you prioritize savoring in His glory and beauty?

How will you prioritize obedience to His ways?
