

John 1:

Personal Reflection

Set aside fifteen minutes this week to pray & respond to the following:

Jesus Christ is the most controversial & influential figure in all of human history. Though He lived only a few decades, His words & deeds permanently changed the world. He has been the subject of countless literary works, depicted in innumerable forms of art & has been the focus of philosophical & theological debate that spans the whole spectrum of the human experience.

Jesus example has been the motivation for great courage & acts of selfless love by those who believe, as well as cause for great consternation among skeptics & contempt among critics motivated by personal agenda & fear of accountability.

Some call Him a prophet but never call Him Lord. Others call Him a 'great man' but contradict themselves by not following His commands. Still others call him a lunatic—failing to see the revolution of truth, love & redemption that His earthly ministry unleashed.

Who is Jesus to you? What impact has He made in your life? Does this impact encompass both belief & conduct? Is Jesus your Lord or is He something less—wrongfully diminished in glory & denied His divinity? Do you believe, trust & follow the Jesus of the Bible or one of your own fabrication? Could there perhaps be a need to return to God's word & became reacquainted with the Savior?

Prayerfully ask God to deepen your understanding, love & devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ. Ask Him to reveal any areas of insecurity or doubt & trust Him to love you even in the midst of your struggle. Thank & praise God for His incarnate Son who is involved in your life & incomparable in His mercy & grace.