

THE STORY
Jesus, the Son of God
The Gospels
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Jesus claimed to be more than a good man and a wise teacher.

Trilemma:

1. Liar
2. Lunatic
3. Lord

There is no option for Jesus to be just a good man or good teacher.

WHO AM I? (Caesarea Philippi)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16:13-20 NIV

Jesus claim to the Son of Man is stating "I am God."

Jesus made these claims and people were drawn to Him.

Most of the world acknowledges Jesus as a good man, but not as God.

WHY AM I HERE? (Bethany)

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." John 11:21-27 NIV

Jesus left heaven and came here so you and I can have life

Abundant life on earth

Eternal life after death

Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! ⁵⁰ You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

⁵¹ He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, ⁵² and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. ⁵³ So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

John 11:49-53 NIV

When it comes to Jesus He is God's Son who conquered death or He is a fraud and successfully pulled off the biggest hoax of all time.

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE? (Jerusalem)

Many people claim Jesus as their Messiah and Lord.

If He is, it will change the way you live.

Our mission is to introduce Jesus to people and help them follow Jesus.

When you believe Jesus is the Son of God it alters the way you live.

It changes how you make decisions.

It puts you on the path with Jesus.

Jesus said He is the resurrection and the life.

Do you believe in Jesus?