

WHO IS JESUS?

Matthew 16:15-16 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Introduction

Many people have heard of Jesus Christ but are not sure who he is. The Bible teaches us that Jesus is the most important person in history, the first person to be resurrected and that we must believe in him to be saved from sin and death.

Key Points

The Bible describes Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

The Bible does NOT describe Jesus Christ as part of God.

The Old Testament predicted Jesus' coming.

The New Testament confirmed his life, death and resurrection.

Jesus described himself as "the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6).

The only way for us to be saved is to believe that Jesus is God's Messiah.

Jesus promised to come again, to raise the dead, to judge and to bring blessings to all people.



Discussion

The Bible and historians such as Josephus state that Jesus Christ really existed. The Christian church began because people believed that Jesus died and was raised to live again, a teaching that has had a huge influence on our world.

But many people are confused. Who was Jesus really? Was he a great teacher? Was he a leader of a Jewish revolution? Was he actually God in human form? How could he be resurrected and still living now? If he is alive, where is he?

These are important questions because the Bible tells us that we must believe in Jesus to be saved from sin and death (John 14:6, Acts 4:12).

So what does the Bible actually tell us? Jesus is described





What do you think?

- What evidence is there that Jesus Christ is God's son?
- Does it matter if we believe in Jesus? Why/why not?
- What do you think happens to us when we die?
- What did Jesus say about sin and death?

Further Reading

- Psalm 22:14-18 & 34:20 - Do you think these words describe Jesus? Why/why not?
- Daniel 9:25-27 - predicts that the Messiah would come and be put to death.
- Luke 22:42 - What did Jesus mean when he said "not my will but yours be done"?
- What do these verses tell you about Jesus: John 1:1-2; John 17:5; Colossians 1:15; Revelation 3:14?
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 - If God raised Jesus from the dead, he can raise us too.

Who do **you** think Jesus is?

as God's son (John 17:1). His mother was Mary but his father was God, not Mary's husband Joseph (Matthew 1:16-25, Mark 1:1).

Many verses describe Jesus as God's son and our saviour (Matthew 16:16, John 3:16-17), but no verses say that Jesus was a part of God. The Bible does tell us that Jesus has the same *character* as God (Colossians 1:15, Hebrews 1:3), so when we see Jesus, we understand what God is like.

There are hundreds of verses in the Old Testament that predicted that Jesus Christ would come to save his people. Much of the New Testament was written by men who were eyewitnesses of Jesus' life, death and resurrection (Acts 2:32) and many were willing to die because they believed in him (Acts 7).

Jesus made claims that no other person ever made. For example, he said that he was the only way to God (John 14:6) and that only those who believe in him can have eternal life (John 3:16).

The Bible states that Jesus was a man who died and was buried, but that God brought him back to life, and that he is now alive forever. It also promises that Jesus will come again to raise all the dead from the grave, to judge people and to bless them.

If you are still wondering about Jesus, you could:

- read more about him in the Bible.
- pray to God for help and understanding.
- join a church group.
- talk to another Christian.

