



# Who is Jesus?

When Christ is called the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15), the expression is not used without cause, but it is designed to remind us that we can have no knowledge of our salvation, until we behold God in Christ.

- John Calvin

There is one single question which will one day turn into the most important question that we will ever have to face.

We have many questions in life but none is as important as this question is.

The reason why this question is far more important than any other question in life is because our response to this question will determine our eternal destiny. Our eternal future depends on how we respond to this question.

The Question is short, straight forward and simple: who is Jesus?

I once asked an old lady this question and she replied with the following words: "Jesus was a great man" was her reply.

There have been many 'great man' in our history. Some have stood out for the evil which they had inflicted on others made an impact for good.

Obviously Jesus would have fallen into the category of a 'good man', at least in the eyes of most historians.

After 80 years of Roman Catholicism this was that ladies final conclusion before she passed away.

In her eyes Jesus was nothing more than a great man.

1 billion Muslims worldwide would agree with her conclusion and so would most Hindus and many others in our modern world today.

Another Roman Catholic man concluded shortly before his death that: "Mary means everything to me.

She is my heavenly mother but Jesus was always a stranger to me. He means nothing to me at all".

A Muslim man's answer to this question was simple and clear: "Isa (the imitation Jesus of the Quran) he said is also a prophet in our religion but Mohammad is much greater than him".

A well-known Roman Catholic Monk whose teaching has influenced sections of the R.C. church told his followers that it was time that we start to change our perception of Jesus. Soon, so he concluded, we will discover intelligent life in other parts of our universe and then our view of Jesus and of the cross will be radically changed. We will suddenly come to realize that neither he (Jesus) nor us are very important in our vast universe.

Whenever you ask a person this question you will know in an instant where that person stands in relation to our Lord.

It is only if we study our Bible that we can get a true and a completely perspective on Jesus.

Whilst there are some historical references to Jesus outside of the Bible (mainly about his miracles) most of our knowledge about him comes from the Bible itself.

Anything else amounts to mere speculation which is not based on fact.

The Bible reveals Jesus in 3 different ways.

Firstly it reveals Jesus as our creator.

This is something that few people realize. Very few of us have any understanding that Jesus was directly involved in the process of creation. They fail to understand that it was his hands which were engaged in the creation of this universe.

**Colossians 1:16** For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things have been created through Him and for Him.

We always use the word 'God' when we refer to creation and we overlook the fact that it was Jesus who was involved in the formation and in the creation of our entire universe and of everything that lives within it.

**John 1:3**

All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

**Colossians 1:16-17** - "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

What words could make it clearer than that?

While Jesus was on this earth he gave us a little glimpse of his power over creation when he took direct command over nature itself (**Mark 4:35-41**)

From being 'creator' Jesus went on to become our 'savior', the savior of a fallen creation. He became the savior for all of mankind.

(**Acts 4:12**- "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.")



Roman Catholicism predominantly pictures Jesus as a small child, as a helpless baby that depends on the hands of his mother.

This Jesus is not a threat to anyone. He is helpless and he is powerless at the same time. He is small and harmless; he is all sweet and lovely like any newborn child.

We love the image of a god who is not out to judge us, who is not out to punish, who does not destroy sinners but who is only filled with mercy and love.

History is full of such idols and even today this idol has once again emerged and bewitched many churches.

The reason why we like this image of Jesus is because we cannot comprehend the idea that the powerful creator could place himself into the hands of his own creation, into the hands of a human mother. We know what scripture is saying, we have read it but for most of us the truth has never sunk in.

The image of Jesus in the arms of Mary makes Jesus look vulnerable and weak and so utterly human. This Jesus will never be a threat to any of us.

The idea that Jesus voluntarily placed himself into the hands of a woman, into a product of his creation and allowed human hands to put nail through his hands and be hung on a cross is so incomprehensible, so profound, so significant that even eternity itself will not be long enough to explore the full depth of what took place on that day.

We can thank him, we can worship him for it, we can praise him forever but we will never fully understand and comprehend the true depth of what happened that day.

From having been our creator and our savior, Jesus turned into our judge.

(**Acts 17:31** because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.")

We would never have known that he is also a judge would it not have been for that fatal day in the garden.

It does not matter whether someone believes in Jesus or not, one day everyone will become a 'believer' because one day everyone will have an encounter with him. This will either be the most joyful occasion or it will be the most frightening moment in somebody's life.

We can ignore Jesus now but we cannot do so forever. We are not given that luxury. One day we will all have to face him.

We can reject him now but the day will come when we will have to face him with total and with utter regret (**Revelation 6:16** Then the kings of the earth, the nobles, the commanders, the rich and the mighty, every slave and every free man, hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. And they said to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.)

We can either meet Jesus as savior now or we will have to face him as judge one day in the future. There is no other choice left open to us. If we face him as savior we will not have to face him as the judge that will condemn us and that will send us to hell one day in the future. Jesus only gave us a small glimpse of his anger when he physically attacked the money lenders in the temple. (**Matt.21:12**)

'Woe' to any 'fake' or 'false' preachers who exploit God's people for money today. Their fate will be the same and they don't even know it.

We can be forgiven now and we can be redeemed by his blood but there will be no chance for redemption after we die.

One day every knee shall bow before him. (**Philippians 2:10-11**)

We can bow before him now by our own choice or be forced to do so at some point in the future. One day every knee shall bow before him and acknowledge him for who he really is. There will be no escape!

But there is another image of Jesus that even many Christians have failed to recognize.

The director of a Christian mission once made a comment during a prayer meeting. He gave an illustration about our blissful future in heaven when he concluded with the words: "Jesus I have finally made it, I have arrived, but where is the father? I want to see the father as well".

Somehow this man (like many Christians today) has not had a true revelation and received a full understanding of who Jesus is.

Jesus once said to one of his disciples: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (**John 14:8-9**). Jesus is the very mirror image of God!!!

Once you have had a true revelation of Christ you have looked into the face of God!

Once we stand before him and see His face we will no longer desire to see anyone (or anything) else! (God is spirit and cannot be seen) All our hearts yearnings will be totally fulfilled!

We will be so overcome by joy and we will be so filled with excitement that the impact of this experience, the sensation of his presence will be so overwhelming that it will stay with us for all of eternity.

Once you have seen Jesus you will never ever forget that moment again!

When we have arrived at this place and stand before His holy throne, when we have seen his face we will know that we have finally arrived home, that we have arrived at the place where we really belong and we will never have leave this place ever again.

This will be the final, the greatest and the eternal revelation of Jesus our Lord.

It will be the revelation that will remain with us forever to come.

**I AM the Bread of Life** (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51);

**I AM the Light of the World** (John 8:12);

**JESUS SAID**  
**I AM the WAY,**  
**the TRUTH,**  
**and the LIFE.**  
John 14:6

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**I AM the Good Shepherd** (John 10:11,14);

**I AM the Resurrection and the Life** (John 11:25);

**I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life** (John 14:6);

**I AM the True Vine** (John 15:1, 5).

**I AM from above: you are of this world; I am not of this world."** (John 8:23)

