

Who is Jesus

Without a doubt, the most important message of all time is the gospel of Christ, the Lord. He is the only way anyone can be saved and go to heaven. People might say He was just a great person, teacher, or prophet, but He is much more than that. Let's take a closer look at who Jesus really is. First, it's important to say that no one can fully explain how great God is.

The Bible says we can't fully understand God. We could spend our whole lives, and even eternity, trying to figure out who God really is. Let's look at what God the Father said about Jesus. When Jesus started his work and was baptized by John in the Jordan River, as told in the Book of Matthew, a dove, which represents the Holy Spirit, came down, and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved son, in whom I'm well pleased." God clearly called Jesus His son, emphasizing that He is the beloved one, not just a son among many.

The Bible, especially in John 3:16, tells us that God loved the world so much He gave His only son. The arrival of Christ and the start of the Christian faith is the biggest blessing in human history. Christ's coming to the world even splits time into before (BC) and after (AD) He came.

The world was forever changed for the better with the arrival of Jesus. Before he came, history was like a countdown to His arrival. People were looking forward to the Messiah. After He arrived, the focus shifted to how His teachings and spirit have influenced people's hearts and minds, spreading His message and building His kingdom on earth. Jesus is the most talked-about and written-about person in history. If you tried to gather all the books, articles, and writings about Him from the last 1500 years, you'd need a building too big to imagine to store them all. And think about the countless sermons and teachings on His life, miracles, and teachings. Every Sunday, millions of Christian workers, evangelists, pastors, and priests around the world share His message, teaching others about Him and His impact on the world. The name Jesus is just as important as God, the Father Almighty, who created heaven and earth. Jesus stands alongside God and the Holy Spirit. People who grew up with Him knew him as Jesus, the name He was known by in His hometown of Nazareth, and in places like Jerusalem and Galilee. He was called Jesus of Nazareth. In Hebrew, His name means "God saves," which is fitting because an angel said He would save His people from their sins. This shows Jesus was also completely human. He was born to the Virgin Mary, belonged to David's family line, and was even a descendant of Adam, according to Luke. He had brothers and sisters, showing He had a human

family on His mother's side. Jesus looked like any other man, and there was nothing in His appearance to make Him stand out. This was God's way of hiding His greater glory, which would be too much for us to handle.

Everyone, including His friends, followers, and even his enemies, saw Jesus as a regular person. They would often question, isn't He the carpenter's son? He called Himself a man, the Son of Man, and lived on earth for about 33 years. He promised to come back one day to rule over the earth. Jesus went through everything we do. He felt hunger, thirst, sadness, and tiredness. He was tempted just like us but never sinned. He suffered and eventually died. Jesus was fully human yet lived a perfect life without sin, making Him the only perfect person to have ever lived. Everyone else has sinned, but Jesus challenged anyone to prove He had sinned. He even said that the devil has no hold on Him because there was nothing in Him that the devil could use against Him. The big belief of the Christian faith is that Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth as a human.

Jesus had a lot to say about Himself. He knew exactly who He was, where He came from, why he came into the world, and what his future would be. He said that he and his Father are one, showing a deep connection. After He came back to life, He said that all power in heaven and on earth was given to Him. This means Jesus has all the power and is in charge of everything. He is the one who will judge everyone and has the authority to raise people from the dead, giving life to whoever He chooses. Jesus is so trusted by God that through Him, we learn about God. By dying for others, Jesus offered the greatest gift ever. He said His blood was shed for many to bring a new promise. He did everything God wanted perfectly and has all power. He also made it clear that even though heaven and earth might disappear, His words will always remain.

Jesus existed before He was even born. He was known as "the Word" and has always existed, even before the world began. This is shown in three statements: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Isaiah also mentioned him as the eternal one, holy and high. Jesus Himself made it clear when He said, "Before Abraham was, I am," showing He's been around forever. When He spoke to a woman from Samaria, she mentioned waiting for the Messiah (Christ) who would explain everything to them. Jesus told her directly, "I that speak to thee I am He," making it clear He is the Messiah. This means He is all-powerful, the judge of everyone, the giver of life, and has always existed, able to say, "Before Abraham was, I am."

Jesus told His disciples to look into the Old Testament because those scriptures were about him. He even connected Himself to the prophecy in Daniel about the coming Messiah, the chosen one of God. Jesus used the same name for Himself that God used when talking to Moses at the burning bush. Moses asked who he should say sent Him, and God replied, "I am who I am." So, Moses was to tell the people, "I AM has sent me to you."

When Jesus was about to be arrested in the garden and soldiers asked for Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus said, "I am He." In English, we add "he" for clarity, but in the original Greek, Jesus just said, "I am." His words were so powerful that the soldiers were knocked over and fell to the ground.

No one could have captured Jesus unless he allowed it; He chose to be taken. Jesus came to Earth during its darkest times, and there's no one in history like Him, the king of all kings and the lord of all lords. When we admire historical figures, we eventually see their flaws because all humans have weaknesses and faults. But Jesus was completely perfect and wonderful. Other religious leaders, like Muhammad or Buddha, didn't die for their people's sins or rise from the dead, and none of their followers claim they did. Jesus is completely unique. He never took back anything he said. He never had to correct Himself or apologize because He never made mistakes or told half-truths. He was the embodiment of truth, never needing to change His words or actions, even slightly.

Jesus was the perfect example of truth, love, mercy, and justice. Unlike Moses, who had advisors, or Solomon, who was known for his wisdom but still sought advice, Jesus never needed advice from anyone. He didn't go to school; everything He knew and taught came directly from God. Jesus was wisdom in human form, even greater than Solomon. People often wondered what kind of man Jesus was, especially when they saw Him command the wind and sea. Jesus lived exactly as he taught, without any difference between His words and His actions. This is hard for the rest of us; we often struggle to practice what we preach and fall short of the moral standards we set.

A skeptic once said that Jesus perfectly lived out His teachings through His life and behavior. He didn't need a college degree or any certificates to prove His greatness. Jesus embodied the highest morality ever known, and He challenged others to be perfect like God. However, none of us have managed to be perfect, only Jesus achieved this, always doing what pleased God.

It's really interesting how even those who were against Jesus couldn't find any fault in Him. Judas, who betrayed him, admitted he had betrayed someone innocent. Pilate, who ordered Jesus to be crucified, said he couldn't find anything wrong with Him. The soldier who nailed Jesus to the cross recognized him as a righteous man and even called Him the son of God. The criminal crucified next to Jesus pointed out that while they were suffering for their own actions, Jesus hadn't done anything wrong. Everyone, including those who opposed him, acknowledged that Jesus was the ultimate example of good behavior.

Jesus never asked anyone to pray for Him. Even on the night before he died, when He was extremely stressed and knew what was coming, He gathered his friends and asked them to pray, but not for him—for themselves, so they wouldn't give into temptation. The reason he didn't ask for prayers for Himself is clear: he didn't need them. He was God in human form, and He knew it. Even when He was suffering and being led to his death, He told the women who were crying for Him to weep for themselves instead, because if people acted this way towards Him, a "green tree," imagine how they would treat others, the "dry." Jesus didn't need our prayers or worries; He was, and is, God. If Jesus hadn't come as God in human form, our world would be lost to doubt and unbelief, and religion might have completely fallen apart.

Without Jesus, life would have been hopeless, with no future, no heaven, and no judgment to come. People would have lived only for themselves, with kindness and self-sacrifice lost to selfishness. But thankfully, Jesus did come and died for us. Everyone must face death, but Jesus knew about His death beforehand, constantly talking about it. He said things like "destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up," referring to his body. He predicted he would be in the earth for three days and nights, would be lifted up, betrayed, killed, and then raised again. He knew exactly when He would leave Earth. When he died, it wasn't as a martyr or a victim, but in the most victorious way, saying "It is finished."

Jesus brought the possibility of eternal life and offers it to anyone who believes in Him. The world changed because of him. But the important question is whether He has changed you. Has He come into your heart? Do you believe that you will be with Him forever, that death is not the end, and that it has lost its power over you? The hope is that when it's your time, you won't really die but will pass into eternity with Jesus, living forever with Him. Eternity means an endless amount of time, where the full understanding of God is revealed through Jesus. No one has seen God, but Jesus, His Son, has shown us who He is.

We want to share a bit of the greatness of Christ as shown in the Bible, to inspire faith, love, admiration, and worship. Despite our best efforts and careful study, we realize we only understand a small part of His glory, which is truly beyond our comprehension. It's said that everything else seems insignificant compared to knowing Christ Jesus, who chose to live humbly among us, even though He was in the very nature God. He is the visible image of the invisible God, shining with God's glory, and fully represents Him. This subject is very sacred and awe-inspiring. Christ is known as the wonderful counselor, and even angels are told to worship Him. Understanding Him is crucial for salvation, because denying Jesus's divine nature or his true humanity means not understanding God at all. God showed Himself to us in human form.

Our human minds can't fully grasp who Jesus is. Only God the Father knows the Son completely. Yet, we are encouraged to grow in understanding Jesus Christ. The baby born in Bethlehem was the mighty God, Emmanuel, showing both God's greatness and His role as our Savior. He was truly human, with a spirit, soul, and body, which are essential parts of being human. These two natures, divine and human, are perfectly united in Jesus, making Him the unique God-man. At the right time, God sent His Son, born of a woman, fulfilling the law. This amazing truth shows that the most high God willingly became lowly for us, the Lord of glory took on human form. The realization that he did this for our benefit makes us love and appreciate our Redeemer even more. We all agree that the Lamb who was sacrificed deserves all power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise for what He has done.

Isaiah predicted Jesus's life and challenges 700 years before He was born. This prophecy was so accurate, it's as if someone who knew Jesus personally wrote it. Jesus's arrival shone a light on humanity, revealing our deep flaws and need for salvation. People rejected Jesus for several reasons: he asked for purity, He called for repentance, and He wanted them to give up their selfish ways to follow him. He aimed to free people from their burdens. The event of Jesus's crucifixion was both tragic and glorious. Jesus, God in human form, was killed by people, yet He chose to sacrifice His life for others, showing the ultimate act of love.

Jesus is known by many names that reflect his goodness and righteousness. Even Pilate's wife warned her husband about harming Jesus, calling Him a righteous man. Pilate himself admitted to Jesus's innocence. Jesus took on our sins so we could be made right with God, a powerful exchange of our sins for His righteousness. Christians are encouraged to be firm in their faith and grow in

their understanding and grace of Jesus Christ. However, just learning that Jesus is the Son of God isn't enough for true faith; it's also about the Father granting you the faith to see His son as the leader of our lives. Even demons recognize Jesus's deity, but do not acknowledge His authority.

We need to fully trust and follow Jesus because He is the one who can give us eternal life if we listen to Him. The church in Ephesus was reminded to turn back to their early dedication and actions. A friend once reminded me that Jesus is in charge of everything, holding all power over heaven and earth, making him capable of handling any situation. If a Christian is ever scared or unsure, it's likely because they've forgotten how reliable and powerful Jesus is. But if we keep Jesus central in our hearts and lives, we'll remember He's our greatest support.

Jesus is like the best friend you could ever have. He's always there for you, closer than anyone else could be, loving us constantly and unchangingly. He's always ready to support us, no matter what. Jesus promises never to abandon us, especially when things get tough. He's the Son of God, chosen to inherit everything, showing us God's character and love perfectly. Despite being higher than the angels, Jesus chose to live a humble life because of His great love for us.

No matter what we're going through, Jesus understands and can support us. He knows what it's like to feel tired, to suffer, and to have nowhere to call home. If you're feeling sad, know that Jesus was called the "man of sorrows." If you feel misunderstood or judged, remember that even Jesus faced criticism from those close to him. He's lived through every human struggle and hasn't forgotten what it's like. Jesus is always there to help us through our own challenges.

Just like a mom stays close when her child is sick, Jesus invites everyone feeling overwhelmed or burdened to come to Him for rest. He teaches that by following Him—being kind and humble like He is—we can find peace for our souls. His way is much easier and lighter than anything else. Choosing Jesus means turning away from everything else in the world, even the things we really like and giving ourselves completely to Him. It means not relying on our own goodness, but fully embracing His kindness and rule over our lives, ready to go wherever he leads. This gives us a deep peace that nothing in the world can give or take away.

By doing this, we can be free from the control and power of wrongdoings in our lives and stop trying to earn our way to peace. Eventually, in heaven, we'll

experience perfect peace forever. The story of Jesus's death started with religious leaders plotting against him. They wanted Him gone, even saying they'd take the blame for his death. This happened just outside Jerusalem, a city more famous than any other at the time. Jesus had done many amazing things there, and just days before His death, people celebrated Him as He entered the city. But soon after, He was crucified, showing both the worst and best of what humanity can do.

Jesus was crucified in early April, during Passover, the most significant time in the Jewish calendar. This festival commemorates the night the firstborn sons of the Israelites were saved from death in Egypt. Because of Passover, people from all over came to Jerusalem, making it a time when the city was filled with visitors. It was on this day, in front of a large crowd, that Jesus, the Lamb of God, was sacrificed. This was the only day He could have been crucified to fulfill his role as our Passover lamb.

At the crucifixion, spectators witnessed the most remarkable event in history. Initially, they could watch Him, but at noon, darkness covered the land for three hours, as if the sun refused to shine, mourning this event. During these hours, significant events unfolded: Jesus gave up His spirit to God, the temple veil tore from top to bottom, an earthquake occurred, rocks split, and saints who had died came back to life. This moment was not only a display of divine sorrow but also showed amazing grace. Even the hearts of the Roman soldiers, who had crucified Jesus, were touched.

While the centurion was watching Jesus during the crucifixion and saw the earthquake and other miraculous events, he was filled with awe and said, "Truly, this was the Son of God." This shows us the incredible impact of God's grace, suggesting that even those who physically harmed Jesus, like the one who nailed Him to the cross, could find forgiveness if they turned to Jesus, acknowledging His authority and trusting in His sacrifice.

This act was God responding to Jesus's request for forgiveness for them, proving there's hope even for the worst sinners if they surrender to Jesus. When Jesus took on the sins of humanity, God's anger was directed at Him, although God cannot tolerate sin. This led to Jesus feeling abandoned, crying out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Here we see God's unwavering justice: sin must be punished, and even Jesus, who was sinless, wasn't spared because He bore our sins.

Our sins being transferred to Jesus meant that he faced the punishment we deserved. God's justice demanded full payment, and He does not show favoritism, not even to His own Son, whom He loves. Jesus took our place, showing us the vastness of God's grace. Despite our sins, God showed His love by allowing Christ to die for us.

At the cross, we see the perfect expression of God's character: mercy, truth, righteousness, and peace all come together. Christ's sacrifice satisfied God's need for justice, allowing His mercy to extend to those who repent and believe. The wisdom of God is evident in all of creation, but it shines brightest at the cross, where these divine qualities are perfectly united.

Jesus took our sins upon Himself at the cross, fulfilling God's requirements on our behalf. By believing in Jesus, we accept that He paid the debt we owed for our sins. Through Jesus, we are seen as righteous before God, as if we ourselves have met all the demands of God's law. The entire church can say that Jesus was punished for our wrongdoings and carried our sins on the cross. Our faith in Him means we share in His crucifixion and resurrection, celebrating the incredible sacrifice he made out of love for us.

However, there's no middle ground; you're either with Jesus or against Him. Ignoring His authority, disobeying His commands, or rejecting His leadership makes you an enemy. But if you are granted repentance Jesus as your leader through His sacrifice will welcome you. Jesus promises not to turn away anyone who is given to Him by the Father, always ready to forgive those who seek Him with a repentant heart and offer them a place in His kingdom.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.