

JESUS, THE ONE TRUE GOD

BIG IDEA

What do we mean when we say Jesus?

Who do you believe Jesus is?

SCRIPTURE

Peter's answer about who Jesus is in Matthew 16:13-17 is loaded with meaning: 1) the Christ is the Messiah (who people are looking for) and 2) the Son of the living God (that the God in heaven is now here on earth with us). Reflect on this passage.

QUESTIONS

- Take a moment to review the “Jesus Loves Me” summary card on pages 3 and 4 of this study guide. This week we are studying the word **JESUS**. Was there an idea under this word that surprised you, encouraged you, or that you're not sure you agree with?
- What do we need to believe about Jesus to actually access the power of God? Are there things that are keeping you from believing those things?
- How did you access the power of God this last week? How did it feel?
- What are some of the definitions you've heard from others about who Jesus is?
- What have you turned to in your life to try to make you happy and/or fill a void?
- Who do you believe Jesus to be? What parts of this are hard for you to wrap your mind around?
- Do you fear death? Why? In what ways?

QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

- What part of Christ's being fully human are you most thankful for or do you relate to the most?
- What part of Christ being fully God are you most thankful for?
- What are some common errors that people believe about Jesus?

TAKEAWAY

If a belief doesn't hold that Jesus is the one true God, then it's not Christianity, and it won't have the power of God that brings salvation. It is a life or death issue that we need to be clear about. Have you decided what you believe?

Take a few minutes to watch Brian Welch's conversion story on "I am Second." He knew he needed help; he believed that Jesus was God and could help him; he chose to believe that and call out to God.

www.iamsecond.com/seconds/brian-welch/

JESUS LOVES ME

SUMMARY CARD

JESUS

Fully God and Fully Man

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:28

Matthew 16:15-16

John 1:1-4

LOVES

Came into our world on a rescue mission. He died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:7, 8

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

Romans 10:9-11

ME

To receive salvation in Jesus, I must own my mistakes and need for His help. Where sin has corrupted me, Jesus can restore me into the image of God.

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:17

Romans 6:23

Ephesians 2: 8, 9

Romans 5:17

THIS I KNOW

I cannot earn salvation, but I must use my will to admit my need, acknowledge Jesus as God, believe in His work on the cross and receive His gift of salvation. After I receive salvation by faith, I express my belief in Jesus through baptism.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 1:16
Romans 10:9-11
Ephesians 2:8-9
Mark 16:16
Acts 8:12

FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO

To fully experience my new identity in Christ and my freedom from sin, I choose to make God's Word the standard for all I will do and believe. The truths of the Bible are of life-or-death importance.

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3:16
Romans 15:4
2 Peter 1:21
Psalm 19:7-11