

JESUS: THE GREATEST LIFE OF ALL

THE IDENTITY OF DEITY

SELECTED SCRIPTURES



The Heart of the Matter

More than two millennia ago, an ordinary-looking Jewish man began doing some extraordinary things. He taught a form of godliness that focused more on the heart than the external appearance of righteousness. He healed disabilities and diseases. Moreover, He did something only God can do: He forgave sins! An encounter with the remarkable Jesus of Nazareth typically prompted the question: Who is this man? A question we still ask, two thousand years later.



Discovering the Way

1. Jesus Forgives Sins (Luke 5:17–21; 7:48–49)

The religious leaders of Jesus's day didn't know who He was. They asked, "Who can forgive sins, but God alone?" (Luke 5:21).

2. Jesus Commands Nature (Mark 4:35–41)

Jesus's disciples didn't know who He was at first. They asked, "Who . . . is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" (Mark 4:41).

3. Jesus Demonstrates Wisdom (Mark 6:1–3)

Jesus's hometown friends didn't know who He was. They asked, "Where did this man get . . . this wisdom?" (Mark 6:2).

4. Jesus Is the Christ, the Jewish Messiah (Matthew 16:13–17)

Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15). Peter, by now, knew.

5. Jesus Is the Eternal God Who Has Become a Man (John 1:1–3, 14; Colossians 2:9)

Who is Jesus? He is God in the flesh!



Starting Your Journey

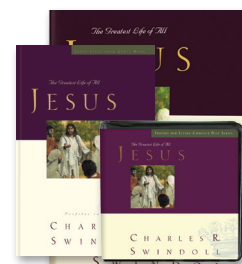
What is the practical significance of these great truths? First, we have a Bible we can trust. Second, we have a life that He sustains (Colossians 1:16–17). And third, we have a church that He leads (Colossians 1:18–19).



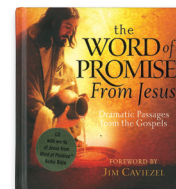
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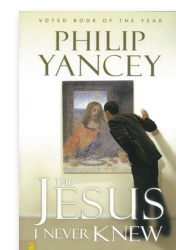
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