

# ***Who is Jesus?***

*'We do not preach ourselves, but Jesus  
Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your  
servants...'*

2 Corinthians 4:5

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*I dedicate this booklet to you, the reader. Thank you for allowing me to share with you about Jesus Christ.*

*I have had no formal instruction in the Bible, nor am I very clear on where I stand on many theological issues. I am, however, a follower of Jesus, and I love the Scriptures. Allow me to share some thoughts...*

## Introduction:

**If you are asking this question – ‘Who is Jesus?’ – you are truly in an amazing place!**

You may be angry at God, or not believe in God at this time. Or maybe you believe in God, but have been hurt. Maybe you are a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist, or of some other faith. You may be in a different place altogether, that even you cannot define... Regardless, my friend, of how you are feeling or where you are at, the God of the Bible – from the first to the last book – welcomes you, even ‘implores’ you to ask: **‘Who is Jesus?’**

You may have many, many questions that I cannot and do not address. Really, in this brief booklet, I come to you only as a ‘believer’ in Jesus, and simply share some thoughts with you. My sources are my faith, the Bible, and the Spirit of God.

I believe that the Bible – the compilation of 66 ‘books’ or writings – is the inspired word of God. Like any good or ‘true’ thing, the Bible can be misunderstood, misused,

and doubted. However, despite man's flaws in using the Bible, it remains God's trustworthy source for the honest seeker of truth. It was written by 'unschooled' men, so that it would be easy to read. God has not hidden himself from us in the Bible; he has revealed himself to us!

Let me now jump in and submit to you my thoughts on this all-important question:  
**'Who is Jesus?'**

## **Who is Jesus?**

The Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ – which means *'The Lord Saves'* – is God in the form of man. God stepped down from heaven to be a man, so that we could know God 'personally', and connect with God completely.

Jesus is God 'in the flesh'. He came to forgive our sin, and to give us eternal life. This is *'who'* Jesus is, and *'why'* he came.

### **Revelation:**

The Bible itself tells us that this is an unfathomable truth, impossible to understand. We simply cannot 'grasp' this truth – that God stepped into human form to save us. We cannot 'get' this! It is too big for us! Yes, the Bible tells us that this truth – such a wonderful truth – was not one made to fit in our minds!

We are told that this truth of God – Jesus Christ – is *'Spirit and Truth'*, and comes to us not by 'understanding' of the mind, but by 'revelation' to our spirits, to our hearts.

If you – like me and like many – try to ‘get’ God, or fit him to your mind, it can be very hard to let our spirits and hearts take the driving seat. But you know, my friend, everything precious to you right now in life – *friends, family, joy, love, peace, forgiveness, mercy* – these things are not ‘truths’ of the mind, but of the heart and spirit. In fact, in many cases, we have let our minds, our understanding, hurt or damage a ‘heart truth’, or a relationship. ***Have you ever let your ‘head’ overrule your heart, and then come to regret this?*** If God ‘fit’ into my small mind or my unpredictable ‘understanding’, he would be a very small God, indeed!

We are told in the Bible, ‘*God is Spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth.*’ Jesus himself said of his words and revelation, ‘*My words are spirit and life.*’

***Have you felt the truth of Jesus as challenging to your mind, but knocking on the door of your heart?***

## **Christ's Message:**

It is interesting how Jesus appealed to people for their '*belief*'. He did not come offering money or wealth. He did not come even offering to answer theological questions. He said things like, '*Is anyone thirsty? Let him come to me and drink... Anyone who believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them.*' Jesus asked if we were 'thirsty', and he promised 'living water.' This does not 'fit' our daily life economy; this does not 'fit' our minds. And yet it drops deep down into our soul and seems to really meet our need for something more.

***Does this question of Jesus – 'Are you thirsty?' – resonate with your soul?***

Or, for example, Jesus turned to the crowd and asked, '*Is anyone weary?*' And then he promised '*rest*' of a different kind.

Jesus did miracles, but had a very particular purpose for his miracles. One time Jesus said to a very large crowd that the reason he did miracles was so that we might all understand he has power to

forgive sins. He did not do miracles simply to make life better for some people, for a short time. He did miracles so that we would see his power to forgive our sin, and *'write our names in heaven.'*

***So, what was his message? How can I have this 'life', this 'rest', these 'living waters' in my soul?***

Here is where the message of Jesus comes to life – literally, and personally...

Jesus said, *'I am the door, and anyone who comes through me will be saved.'* Jesus did not teach *about* God; Jesus invited us to himself to know God. The deepest thing you have in your life right now is 'someone', not something nor some concept. Think about it for a minute. ***What is most precious thing to you at the end of the day?*** I guarantee you it is a person. God is the same. The deepest truth of God to you - is Himself. His purpose in becoming a man was so that that you and I could actually see, touch, and know him. In fact, one name Jesus was given was 'Emmanuel', which means, *'God with us.'* Jesus – God as

man – came so he could be with us, now  
and forevermore.

***Do you want to know God personally?***

## **Belief:**

Jesus challenges us to *'believe'* in him. This was his invitation when he was actually with people, and they could *'see'* him. *If they could 'see' him, why all this emphasis on 'believing' him?* Two things occur to me about this issue of *'faith'*:

### **1. *A true friend believes in you!***

Have you ever had a so-called *'friend'* who is not *for* you? This person sees and knows you, and even acknowledges you whenever you are around; this person has a *'relationship'* with you, but they do not *'believe'* in you. They have actually closed off a part of their heart to you. ***Can you relate to this feeling, this experience in relationship?***

Jesus came – God in the flesh – to be *'with us'*. His very name, Emmanuel, means, *'God with us.'*<sup>1</sup> Jesus does not just want you to

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<sup>1</sup> Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23

‘acknowledge’ him; he came to have a love, ‘belief’ relationship with you. *Belief in one another is the lifeblood of true friendship.*

Jesus said, ‘*I have called you my friend.*’ Jesus also said that there is no greater way a friend can show his love, than sacrificing his life for his friend.<sup>2</sup>

## **2. To see is not to believe!**

When Jesus was on the earth, many people saw his power, but did not believe in him. Maybe you, like me, sometimes wish or even say, “*If only I could actually ‘see’ Jesus...*” The truth is, many – most – that saw him in the flesh and witnessed his miraculous powers, did *not* believe in him. Many times, in fact, when he did miracles, people actually turned *against* him. In the end, *everyone* who ‘saw’ him – those who heard him, walked with him, enjoyed his signs and wonders

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<sup>2</sup> John 15:13-15

– either conspired against him or abandoned him. He was killed in the morning light in the midst of everyone who had ‘seen’ him.

So Jesus calls us to ‘belief’, to ‘faith’, not to ‘sight’. When man saw him, he killed him. We cannot trust ourselves to follow – and be loyal to – that which we see with our eyes. We might be loyal for a time, as were the disciples, but at some point our eyes, our minds, our hearts will let us down and we will not follow through. We may even turn against that which we saw and once loved.

Jesus said to Thomas, his disciple, *‘blessed are those who believe but have not seen.’*

Here on earth, Jesus wants us to ‘see’ with the eyes of our hearts, and believe – i.e. *receive, follow, obey, worship*. Jesus wants a *real* relationship with you, a friendship! One day we will pass into glory, where our eyes will be pure and our

hearts steady, and we will see him  
*'face to face'*. But for now, the call is  
to faith.

***Do you feel that you are 'seeing' Jesus  
with the eyes of your heart?***

## Treasure:

***Why is Jesus hard to 'see' and believe? Why does the whole world not hear of Jesus and believe?***

When I read through Scripture, I am amazed at how God works. From the beginning of time, despite God loving every person equally, some '*knew*' God, and some did not. This is – and will be – impossible for us to understand, to figure out, to explain.

It was exactly the same when Jesus walked on the earth, preached and did miracles. Some people fell at his feet and said, '*You are the Lord!*' Others looked down on him, scorned him and challenged his authority. How can this be? How can one man look on Christ and see God, and another look on Christ at the same time and see just a man? I cannot explain this!

But what I have seen throughout the life and teaching of Jesus, is that he revealed himself in a deep and quiet way. So *deeply, and so quietly!* When a person

truly 'saw' Jesus for who he was – 'God with us' – the revelation reached the very heart of the person, and changed them forevermore. But because this revelation is so deep and pure and quiet, it moves past most of us without ever being noticed. We are distracted by so much noise and desire on the surface of life, that the deep things of God just flow past us.

Jesus told a very short parable to illustrate this truth. He said, *'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure buried in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy he went and sold all he had and bought that field.'*<sup>3</sup>

***Do you feel that Jesus is a treasure that you are beginning to see, but that many people around you cannot see?***

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<sup>3</sup> Matthew 13:44

## **Blood:**

The story of Jesus is incredible! We are told that as God, he came to free us from our sin, our '*stains*'. You know, the deepest of our sins usually leaves a blood trail. Blood, the very life source of people, spills where there is violence, where there is abuse, where there is misfortune, where there is death. We all have it on our hands, whether directly or indirectly. We live in a world built on slavery and abuse, and we have all either shed blood, or consumed the stolen goods that cost people their blood. It's a raw and uncomfortable truth – but bloodshed is at the core of our world's darkness, and our separation from God.

So Jesus comes, and he wants to free us from this sin and darkness. He wants to free us from wrong we have suffered, and wrong we have done. He wants to heal and restore every soul, every heart, and even the land we live on. We are told that Jesus opened the way for this '*redemption*' and '*forgiveness*' in this incredible, spiritual way: ***Jesus took our sin into his own person and body, and***

***then died with it.*** One verse in the Bible puts it this way: *'He became sin for us.'*<sup>4</sup>

Jesus took my guilt and shame on himself, and then died with it. Having died with my sin, Jesus then rose from the dead, but my sin did not come back with him. He left the sin in the grave, so to speak. Jesus took my sin, died with it, and came back with only forgiveness and new life for me.

A powerful verse in the Bible describes it like this: The blood of Jesus *'speaks a better word'* than the blood of our sin.

For this reason, when we believe in Jesus and accept his forgiveness, we are grateful for the blood of his sacrifice, for the *'blood of Jesus.'*

***Do you want to be 'washed' by his blood?***

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<sup>4</sup> 2 Corinthians 5:21

## Spirit:

Jesus is alive! He is physical, and he is in heaven. One day you can meet him *'face to face'*.

But when Jesus was telling his disciples that he was soon to leave the earth and go to heaven, he told them that they should rejoice at this – not be sad – because this meant the *Holy Spirit* would come to them, would be *'in'* them.<sup>5</sup>

You see, when Jesus was on earth, he was in man form only. If Jesus was in one village, it meant he was not in another. If Jesus was putting his hand of peace on a man, it meant he was not putting his hand of peace on another. He was in man form, and therefore limited in space and time just like we are.

When Jesus ascended to heaven, the very Spirit of Jesus, the *Holy Spirit*, was now poured out on *all* the earth. This meant that the very person and peace of Jesus could be in every village, and on

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<sup>5</sup> John 14:17,26,28

the heart and home of every person, at the same time. It also meant that Jesus was able to actually dwell *inside* us, not just walk beside us.

Now that Jesus has completed his mission on earth – dying and rising again, to give us forgiveness and eternal life – he lives physically in heaven. We connect with him now through the Holy Spirit.

When we believe in Jesus, he comes to us through his Holy Spirit, and dwells in our heart, our soul, our spirit - '*God with us.*'

***Do you want to believe in Jesus, and have his Holy Spirit in your heart and life?***

## **Invitation:**

Jesus said, *'I am the door, and anyone who comes through me will be saved.'*  
(John 10:9)

## ***Do you want to invite Jesus into your heart and life right now?***

This is a spiritual decision, and in giving your life to Jesus you will have forgiveness of your sins, and eternal life. The moment you come to know Jesus, you are on a new path, and one that is *'ever-brighter until the full light of day.'*  
(Proverbs 4:18)

Here is how you can now cross the bridge from death to life, and know Jesus Christ. There are 2 key things to 'do'. I set these out here below, and then I have written a prayer you can read and 'pray' from your heart:

### ***1. Repentance of Sin:***

You will need to repent of your sin. Yes, this is a hard step, but one that Jesus calls for. You need to decide

right now that with God's help you will turn away from the sin in your life – *love of money, lust, greed, dishonesty, addiction, adultery, pornography, etc.*

Repentance of sin is a 'heart decision', and over time should be seen in your life and home. There may be things you need to cut off, communicate, throw away, turn off, give away... If you now decide to repent, and '*turn around*' (which is what 'repentance' means), you are facing in the right direction for this next step.

## ***2. Faith in Jesus Christ:***

We discussed above the importance and 'truth' of belief and faith in any real relationship. Jesus calls us to 'believe' in him. Jesus calls us to take this step of faith, and speak out loud a declaration of faith in him. I have written a prayer here below that you can make your own. The prayer must rise from your heart, must be sincere.

If you do repent of your sin and put your faith in Jesus Christ, he will in this

moment put his Holy Spirit in your heart, forgive your sin, and write your name in heaven!

**Prayer:**

***Dear Lord Jesus, I thank you for loving me. I thank you for dying for my sin. I thank you for offering me forgiveness and eternal life.***

***Today I repent of my sin, and put my faith and trust in you. I ask that you forgive my sin, and pour out your Holy Spirit in me.***

***Thank you, Lord, for forgiving me. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for saving me. Help me now to be faithful, and follow you all the days of my life, until I see you face-to-face. In Jesus' name I pray, amen!***

## **New Life:**

If you have taken this step of faith in Jesus, you are saved! You are forgiven! You are a '*new creation*'. This is God's truth. This is the message of Jesus.

As a newborn 'believer', it is really important that you begin reading the Bible every day, and spending a few minutes in prayer with Jesus. It is also really important that you join a good, Christian church, so that you can grow in your faith and in the support of other believers.

If you don't have a bible, I suggest finding one to buy. Search online or in bookstores for either the '*New International Version*' (Bible NIV) or the '*English Standard Version*' (Bible ESV)

What I do is read one chapter a day. Maybe start with the book of **LUKE**, and then just keep on reading...

Find a good, trustworthy church. Pray

and ask the Lord Jesus to lead you in this decision. Ask for a church recommendation from a Christian who you know and trust. Make sure getting to church once a week is a priority, a 'sacrifice' to the Lord. You may have to change some things in your schedule, and even in your finances, to make this happen. *The Lord will honor you for this!*

I would love to hear from you! If you have made this step of faith, through my website on the following page, send me an email and let me know. I will rejoice with you, and pray for you!

Bless you, my brother, my sister! Until we meet each other in person – at a family reunion! – God bless, protect and prosper you in Jesus' name!

For more resources, please visit my website below:

[www.1peter1three.weebly.com](http://www.1peter1three.weebly.com)

***'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.'***

Numbers 6:24-26

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**Knowing only Christ, his Scriptures,  
his Spirit:** 1 Corinthians 2:2-3

**Inspiration and mishandling of the  
bible:** Hebrews 4:12/Jeremiah 29:13 (see  
also Matthew 4:1-11 & 2 Corinthians 4:2)

**Unschooling authors of Scripture:** Acts  
4:13

**Jesus means, 'The Lord Saves':**

Matthew 1:21

**Jesus as God in the form of man:**

Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 9:6;  
John 1:1-5,9,14; John 8:58/Exodus 3:14;  
John 10:30; John 14:9; John  
9:38/Matthew 14:33/Exodus 20:5; John  
5:46; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:3;  
Philippians 2:6-11; Zechariah 14:9/Acts  
4:12; Revelation 1:13-18

**Jesus' purpose to forgive sin and give**

**eternal life:** Luke 5:24; John 11:25-26;  
John 4:13-14

***Revelation, impossible to understand!:***

John 6:37, 65; Matthew 16:16-18;  
Romans 11:33-36; Isaiah 55:8-9; Psalm  
36:9; 2 Corinthians 4:6; John 4:24 & John  
6:63

***Belief in Christ:*** John 7:37-38; John  
11:25-26; John 9:35; Matthew 11:28-30;  
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5:39-40; John 15:13-15

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Matthew 26:56; Mark 15:25 (9 in the  
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***God loves all equally!:*** 2 Peter 3:9; 1  
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***Worship of Christ and Rejection of  
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5:17; Hebrews 10:25; Psalm 1; Joshua  
1:9; Hebrews 4:12/2 Timothy 3:16