

## WHO WAS JESUS?

### Apologetics

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ἐάν τις θέλῃ τὸ θέλημα αὐτοῦ ποιεῖν, γνώσεται περὶ τῆς διδασχῆς πότερον ἐκ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐστὶν ἢ ἐγὼ ἀπ' ἐμαυτοῦ λαλῶ.

**John 7:17** If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority

## OUTLINE

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#### 1. WHO IS JESUS (NOW)

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#### 3. CHANGE THE PURPOSE OF THE QUESTION

### 0. INTRODUCTION

#### 0.1. HISTORICAL QUESTION

- [Wiki] **Jesus**[e] (c. 4 BC – AD 30 / 33), also referred to as Jesus of Nazareth or Jesus Christ, was a first-century Jewish preacher and religious leader. He is the central figure of Christianity, the world's largest religion. Most Christians believe he is the incarnation of God the Son and the awaited Messiah (the Christ) prophesied in the Old Testament. great statements → miracles → crucifixion → resurrection
- → textual criticism (other sources)
- → historical criticism (contemporary)
- → worldview/science criticism (naturalism)
- → ethical criticism (anthropocentrism)

#### 0.2. SUGGESTED PROCEDURE

- scientific “hypothesis” and “experiment” based on Jesus’ word John 7:17
- transform the question→ the problem of the WILL

#### 1. WHO IS JESUS (NOW)

- He is the executive power of GOD (sits on the right hand of God)
- The Saviour and the Judge of the world → NT says he is the COMING Lord active NOW in saving people for eternity
- If this is true, we can TALK with him and expect an answer → meeting with him in consciousness; the message of the Gospel; preaching; special event of our life
- testimony of other Christians

#### 2. WHAT DOES HE THINK OF ME

- “Who was Jesus?” means I want to know what to think of him
- the hypothesis procedure turns this into the question “What does He think of me?”

- He says about us “YOU BEING EVIL can give good gifts to your children”
- He says you need salvation from being EVIL → “to save his people from their sins”

**3. CHANGE THE PURPOSE OF THE QUESTION**

- “Who was Jesus?” → “I want/need more information!” turn into “I want/am willing to do what he says”
- → I let him transform my life at whatever cost...
- from INFORMATION to TRANSFORMATION → costly
- **Lk 9:23** "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.