

DAY 2 — WHO IS JESUS

If you are looking for a list of all of the requirements of what it means to be a Christian, you won't find it here, because following Jesus isn't a list of rules, it's about having a relationship with God himself.

When talking about Who Jesus is, we could talk about so much, but in this brief introduction, we'll highlight His role as SAVIOR, His label as FRIEND, and His position as LORD. This is more than information about Jesus; this is a personal introduction to Jesus.

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” ~ John 10:10

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” ~ John 3:16

SAVIOR

Jesus is the savior of the world. Maybe you've heard that before and wondered what He's saving us from? That's really where this all begins. When God created humanity, he didn't create us as robots to be controlled; He gave us a free will with the choice to be in relationship with Him or choose to reject him. Adam and Eve were the first humans to walk with God and enjoy all of the goodness that God had intended us to live in. But the devil, who is our enemy, came and tempted Adam and Eve to sin by disobeying God.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” ~ Romans 6:23

the Bible says that sin separates us from God and creates a debt that must be paid. But in our sinful humanity we have no chance to ever repay this debt, not even if you're a really good person. But because God loves us, he wouldn't settle for that distance, so He sent Jesus to Earth. Only a perfect sacrifice would be able to pay the debt, which is why Jesus paid our debt with his own life when they crucified him on the cross.

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’ ~ John 14:6

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.” ~ John 3:17

FRIEND

Many have heard at least something about Jesus dying on the cross and being called a savior, but most haven’t heard Jesus called a friend. Because we often feel shame, regret, or guilt for our sin, we assume that God is mad at us, and is out to get us, but in reality it is the heart of God to be close to us, to extend mercy towards us.

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” ~ Romans 5:8

One of the things Jesus was known for while He walked on Earth was that He was a friend of sinners. When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, they instinctively tried to hid from God because they felt shame, we often do the same thing today, but Jesus extends friendship towards us and calls us close to Him again.

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” ~ Revelation 3:20

LORD

He is our loving Savior, our close Friend, and finally, Jesus is Lord! Not everyone agrees with that or chooses to follow His leading, but all of us must make a choice whether we will follow

Him or not, and the ripple effect of that choice will affect our eternity. It's not enough to just believe that Jesus died on the cross; we must receive that gift for ourselves personally and choose to turn and follow Him. Look at the way one of the first Christians describe the magnitude of who Jesus is.

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” ~ Philippians 2:9-11

Believe it or not, following Jesus actually brings more freedom to your life. So many people are desperately searching for meaning and purpose. We look for it in having more, getting more friends, being successful, or we even try to make the void by excessive use of drugs, alcohol,

- **LISTEN** — What is God/Scripture saying?

Write down the key phrase, sentence or word in the reading.

- **LEARN** — What does it mean for me?

What is your reaction to this passage, phrase, sentence, or word or what question would you like to ask God?

- **LIVE** — How can I apply this to my life and live it daily?

What do you feel God's reply would be?

What are some truths to obey?

Tomorrow we are going to take a look at your new life in Christ and how to make him your new life.