

# Jesus is...



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How would you finish this sentence “ Jesus is..... .”

Christianity at its heart is not about a set of rules. It is not about a moral code. It is not a philosophy of wisdom. It is not a handbook of religious acts. It is not even about record of religious experiences.

Christianity first and foremost is about a person, Jesus of Nazareth. Christianity first and foremost is about relating to the person of Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

This set of readings in March gives us a chance to see how the Bible answers the “Jesus is .....” question. They will help us to get to know Jesus better. They will help us to think about how we should respond to him in everyday life. Before each passage pray “God, open my eyes to the majesty of Jesus.” Enjoy Jesus.

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1	The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.	Colossians 1:15-16	Jesus is... Creator	What does this passage teach us about Jesus? What is an appropriate way to respond to Jesus described here?
2	Jesus is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.	Colossians 1:17-18	Jesus is... head of the church	What does it mean for Jesus to be head of the church. How does the body imagery help us to think about our relationship with Jesus?
3	In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.	Hebrews 1:1-2	Jesus is... the Supreme Son	God speaks through his Son, What are his qualifications described here? How should we respond to this Word?
4	The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.	Hebrews 1:3-4	Jesus is... purifier	What does the Son show us about the Father? How did the Son make purification for sin? How should you respond to the Son?

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5	Jesus too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.	Hebrews 2:14-15	Jesus is... the liberator	Why did Jesus become human? Why does it matter that he is human? What has he done for us? How should we respond to him as Saviour?
6	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.	John 1:1-3	Jesus is... God the Creator	What is the Relationship between God and the Word? What is the significance of Jesus role in creation? How should we respond to him as Creator?
7	No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.	John 1:18	Jesus is... the revealer	What can the Son reveal about the Father?
8	The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’	John 1:29-30	Jesus is... the lamb of God	How does Jesus take away the sin of the world? Why is he greater than John the Baptist? How should we respond to the lamb of God?
9	Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.	John 1:40-42	Jesus is... the Messiah	Who had Andrew discovered? Why was Andrew keen to introduce Peter to Jesus? Who are you keen to introduce to Jesus?
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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.	John 3:16-17	Jesus is... the Saviour	How does God Demonstrate his love? How does Jesus save the world? What does he save the world from?

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11	Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."	John 4:13-14	Jesus is... the thirst quencher	How does Jesus use the water imagery? What kind of thirst does Jesus quench? How does Jesus quench your spiritual thirst?
12	Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."	John 6:35	Jesus is... the bread of Life	After Jesus feeds 5000 he speaks these words. What kind of hunger does Jesus satisfy?
13	"You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.	John 8:57-59	Jesus is... before Abraham	What does this teach us about Jesus relationship with Abraham? What does this teach us about who Jesus is? Why were the listeners offended?
14	The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?" "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honour my Father and you dishonour me."	John 8:48-49	Jesus is... Demon possessed?	Why would the religious Jews accuse Jesus of being demon possessed? What about Jesus is offensive? How does Jesus correct this view?
15	As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."	John 9:4-5	Jesus is... the light of the World	How does the light imagery help us understand Jesus? How does this encourage us to respond to the light?
16	"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep."	John 10:14-15	Jesus is... the good Shepherd	How does the sheep/shepherd imagery help us to understand Jesus? What does the shepherd do for the sheep? How does this encourage us to respond to Jesus?

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17	Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."	John 11: 25-27	Jesus is... the resurrection	
18	They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written.	John 12:13-14	Jesus is... the King of kings?	How does Jesus fulfil Zechariah 9? What kind of king were the people expecting? What is the significance of this moment for Jesus? How should we respond to the king?
19	Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."	John 14:6-7	Jesus is... the Way	Why can Jesus claim the exclusive way to God? What does it imply about other ways to God? What does he show us about the Father?
20	"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.	John 15: 5-6	Jesus is... the vine	How does the vine word picture help us to understand our connection with Jesus? What role does Jesus have as the vine? How does this encourage you to respond to him?
21	My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.	John 15:12-14	Jesus is... love	How did Jesus love us? How do we become his friend? What does love look like in Jesus? How can you live this love out?
22	Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.	Matthew 9:35-36	Jesus is... compassionate	Why did Jesus have compassion on the crowds? What was he able to offer the crowds? How does this help us to understand Jesus? How do you think Jesus would see you?

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23	For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."	Matthew 11:18-19	Jesus is... a drunk?	Why did they think Jesus was a drunk? How was Jesus cleared of this accusation? What is the right way to think about Jesus?
24	"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."	Matthew 11:28-30	Jesus... is REST	What does Jesus invite us to find in him? How are these words comforting? How should you respond to him?
25	The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here.	Matthew 12:42	Jesus is... Wisdom	What do you know about Solomon's wisdom? How is Jesus greater than Solomon? How does this encourage us to respond to Jesus?
26	Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."	Mark 10:43-45	Jesus is... a Servant	What does it mean for Jesus to serve? What does it mean for Jesus to be a ransom for many? How does this encourage you to respond to Jesus?
27	And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.	Luke 22:19-20	Jesus is the Passover Lamb	Why does Jesus identify himself with the bread of the Passover meal? What does he teach them from this? How should we respond to Jesus?
28	"If you are the Messiah," he said, "tell us." Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "You say that I am."	Luke 22:67-70	Jesus is... the Son of Man	Jesus identifies himself with the Son of Man of Daniel 7:13. What was Jesus' self-understanding? How does it encourage us to respond to him?

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29	And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.	Revelation 1: 12-16	Jesus... is Glorious	How does the apocalyptic picture language of Revelation picture Jesus? What does this imagery teach us about Jesus? How should you respond to him?
30	When I saw Jesus, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.	Revelation 1: 17-18	Jesus is... the Lord of Life	How is Jesus described in these words? What does it remind us about what his life achieved? How should we respond to Jesus?
31	"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.	Revelation 22:16-17	Jesus is... the Morning Star	What pictures are used of Jesus here? How do they help us grasp who he is? What are we invited to do in response to Jesus?