

WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?

50 DAYS WITH JESUS – PART 5

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- When most people love something, yet you don't, that is called an "unpopular opinion." What is something you have an unpopular opinion about. (i.e. coffee is nasty)

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Brainstorm: How many TV shows can you name where investigation of seemingly small evidence helps convict the "bad" guy?
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- Imagine you are one of Jesus' disciples answering the following question from someone who was part of the feeding of the 5,000, "What's it like to be with Jesus on a daily basis? What's He really like?"
- We generally struggle with understanding Jesus' humanity. Talk about how challenging it would have been for the disciples to understand Jesus' divinity.
- If you were one of Jesus' disciples, what moment would have convinced you of who He was, if any?
- If Jesus wasn't God, what claims of His just make Him appear mentally disturbed?
- Mark shared a bunch of New Testament evidence indicating Jesus' self understanding of who He was. List at end of notes. Share which piece of evidence stands out to you as compelling.
- What are the implications if Jesus is just a man?
- What are the implications if Jesus is God?
- A reduced Christ is the same as a rejected Christ. Have you reduced Christ?
- Who do you say that Jesus is?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Jesus, You have right to make any and every claim on my life. My hopes, dreams, goals, resources, even this breath, came from you, and belongs to you. All authority is yours. I humble myself before You. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Uh, this one is easy. Do the reading plan! www.flagchurch.com/jesus

Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

John 1:1-3 (NIV)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was with God in the beginning.

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 2:5-6 (NIV)

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Colossians 2:9 (NIV)

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

Hebrews 1:3 (NIV)

³ 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.

John 8:12-13 (NIV)

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

¹³ The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

Luke 5:21 (NIV)

²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

John 20:28 (NIV)

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 10:31-33 (NIV)

³¹ Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him,

³² but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"

³³ "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

Matthew 28:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Matthew 16:13-15 (NIV)

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

MARK SHARED A BUNCH OF NEW TESTAMENT EVIDENCE INDICATING JESUS' SELF UNDERSTANDING OF WHO HE WAS.

- He was not one of the Twelve
- His Relationship with religious leaders
- He Testified to himself
- He forgave sin
- He received worship
- He claimed to be equal with God