

Jesus — his life and ministry

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Jesus is God's way of getting to know God. Through Jesus, God shows us what he is like.



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Picture this!

Many Christians use pictures of Jesus – sometimes called icons – to help them pray. How do you picture Jesus?



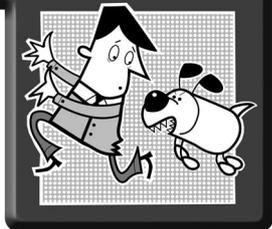
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Window into God

Jesus shows us what God is like. In the Gospels we see Jesus doing many things – eating with people, healing the sick, telling stories, teaching about God, performing miracles, being born, dying and rising again.

Look at the list below and circle the word you think best describes Jesus.

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| Teacher | Human |
| Healer | Saviour |
| Miracle worker | Friend |
| Storyteller | Leader |



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Who is Jesus?

When Jesus and his disciples were near to the town of Caesarea Philippi, he asked them, 'What do people say about the Son of Man?'

The disciples answered, 'Some people say you are John the Baptist, or perhaps Elijah or Jeremiah or some other prophet.'

Then Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say I am?'

Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

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‘Who do you say that I am?’ This is the vital question that every human being must face – who is Jesus of Nazareth?

- Is he a misguided fool?
- Is he a great teacher and philosopher?
- Is he a wonder worker?
- Is he God come down to earth?

No one can answer this question for you.

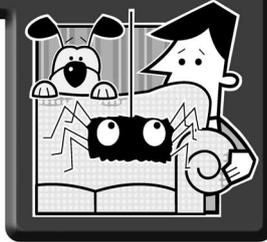
The Christian faith proclaims that God is revealed to us in Jesus. Jesus shares our human life. On the cross he shares our human death. By rising again he opens the way for us to have life with God. God shares our life on earth, so that we can share his life in heaven.

But what do you think?



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Find (or make) a picture of Jesus and use it as a focus for your prayers. Speak to Jesus as you would a close friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Ask him to help you believe.



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Why did God send Jesus into the world? It was a risky thing to do ...



do something about it

Read the story of Jesus' death and resurrection in Luke's Gospel (Luke 23.1 – 24.12).



coming soon

Next week: The death and resurrection of Jesus.

