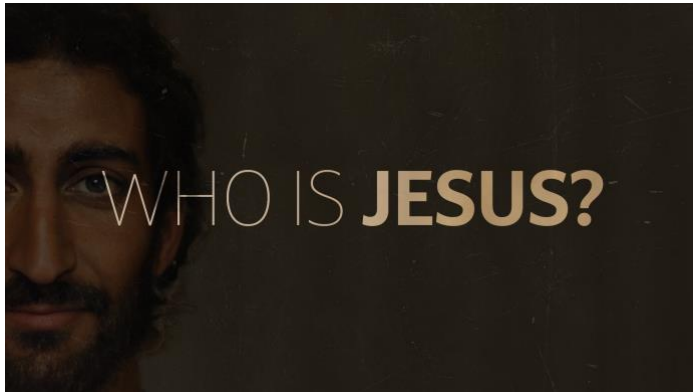


TAKE HOME SHEET



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Take some time and read through the passages from John 2:13-17 and Matthew 10:34–39. As you do, imagine you are one of the religious leaders who endorsed and supported the human-made practices and rules that Jesus criticized.

Most of the leaders are resentful and defensive, to the point that they become committed to eliminating Jesus.

Now read Matthew 5:21–24. How do you feel about the strong teaching regarding carrying anger in your heart? Does this seem like too much? Have you prided yourself on being a good person because you haven't murdered or done something overt with your anger? Be honest.

Jesus calls us to (1) honestly acknowledge our sinful thoughts and (2) humbly surrender to Him for help changing from the inside out.

Take a moment and ask God to show you an area in your life in which He wants you to make a change. As you do, keep these verses in mind:

²⁸ Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

Matthew 11:28–30 (NLT)

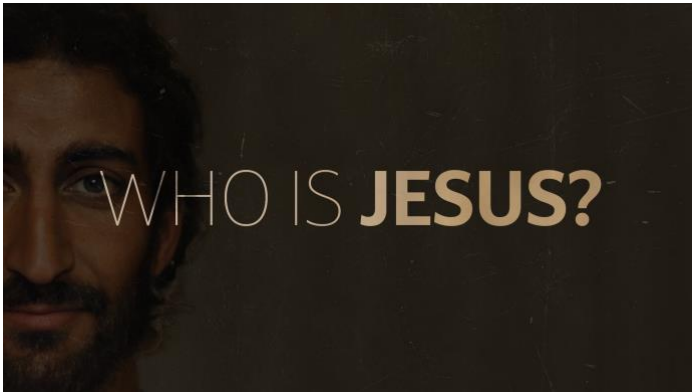
This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

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Is Jesus a Revolutionary?

The simple answer to this is: it depends.

To some, He was a dangerous revolutionary.

¹³ It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money. ¹⁵ Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables. ¹⁶ Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!" ¹⁷ Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house will consume me."

John 2:13–17 (NLT)

To others, He was a longed-for redeemer.

¹ Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand. ² Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man's hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath. ³ Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, "Come and stand in front of everyone." ⁴ Then he turned to his critics and asked, "Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" But they wouldn't answer him. ⁵ He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! ⁶ At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus.

Mark 3:1–6 (NLT)

²¹ You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.' ²² But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell. ²³ So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, ²⁴ leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

Matthew 5:21–24 (NLT)

How I choose to see Jesus is a reflection of my heart.