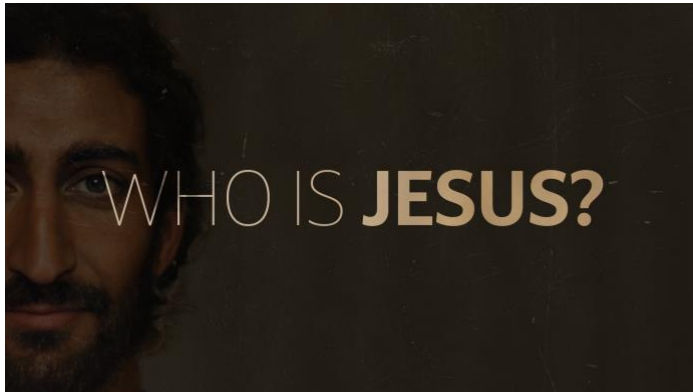


TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Who is Jesus?
Message: Is Jesus a Deceiver or Delusional?
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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The following passages provide examples that demonstrate how trust in Jesus is rooted in truth. Eyewitnesses testified to His life, death, and resurrection. These same people suffered, and some died defending what they knew to be true.

¹ Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. ² And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. ³ The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

Hebrews 1:1–3 (NLT)

This passage is from Luke, a doctor who conducted meticulous research to write a biography of Jesus and the history of the early church.

¹ In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the

Holy Spirit. ³ During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive.

Acts 1:1–3 (NLT)

Early on in Jesus' public ministry, his family thought He was delusional:

When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.

Mark 3:21 (NLT)

Later, after His well-documented resurrection, they realized He really was who He said He was:

They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

Acts 1:14 (NLT)

[His brother James became a key leader in the church.]

¹³ The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say. ¹⁵ So they ordered Peter and John out of the council chamber and conferred among themselves. ¹⁶ "What should we do with these men?" they asked each other. "We can't deny that they have performed a miraculous sign, and everybody in Jerusalem knows about it. ¹⁷ But to keep them from spreading their propaganda any further, we must warn them not to speak to anyone in Jesus' name again."

¹⁸ So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? ²⁰ We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard."

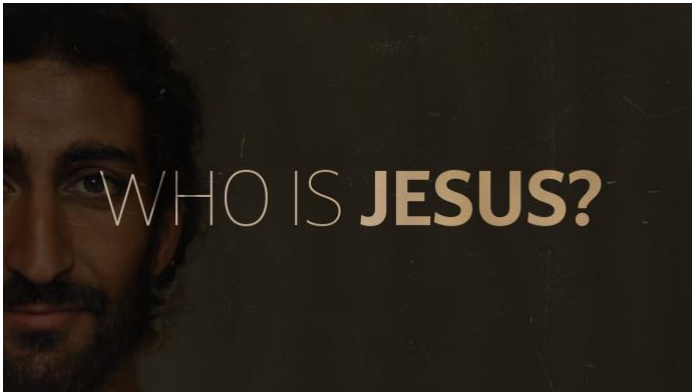
Acts 4:13–20 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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There is a severe erosion of trust going on all around us.

God has made Himself known so we can have confident trust in Him.

Jesus lived a public and open life so that He could be known and trusted.

Jesus is still convincing people that He is the Savior!

If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.

John 7:17 (NIV)

It is wise to question things. Examine the facts. There is a difference between being a skeptic and a cynic.

Trust in the Lord always for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.

Isaiah 26:4 (NLT)

Followers of Jesus put absolute trust in God and relative trust in other things.

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Hebrews 6:19 (NIV)