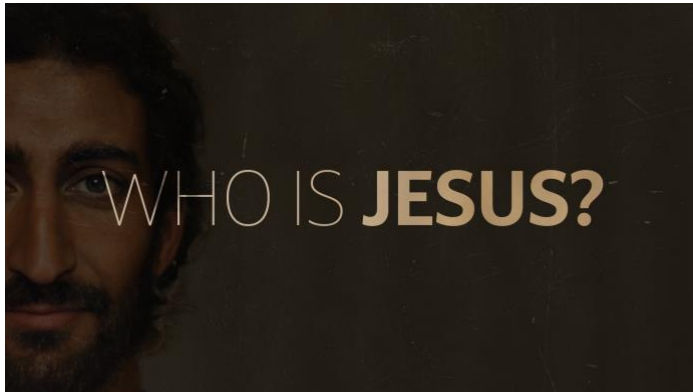


TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Who is Jesus?
Message: Is Jesus Just Misunderstood?
Speaker: Yayo Espinosa
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When was a time you misunderstood someone's words or actions? What happened?

Take some time to read the passage we focused on today. Underline the words and phrases that stand out to you as you read.

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John 12:12–15 (NLT)

What stands out to you about how the crowd welcomed Jesus? Why do you think they were so excited? What kind of king were they expecting Jesus to be?

Are there ways you have expected Jesus to fit into *my* plans instead of surrendering to *His*?

Why do you think people rejected Jesus even though He was loving, kind, and good? What expectations did they have for the Messiah that Jesus didn't meet?

How does our view of Jesus shape the way we live and follow Him today? Have you ever had a moment when you realized you were following *your version* of Jesus rather than the *real Jesus*?

What does the crowd's quick rejection of Jesus reveal about human nature? What temptations do we face today to turn away from Jesus when things don't go how we expect?

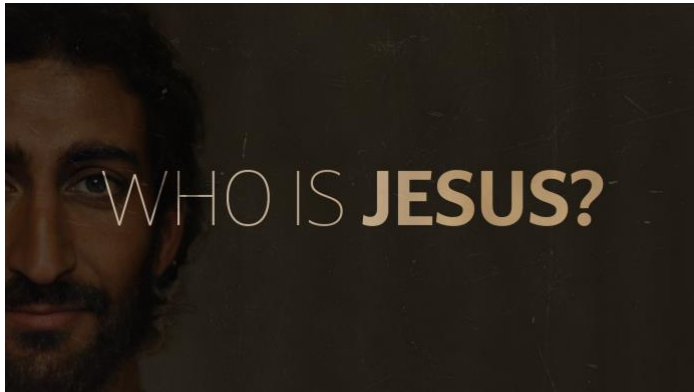
What is one area of your life where you struggle to trust the real Jesus instead of your **OWN** expectations?

What would change if you surrendered that area to Him today?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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The crowd had expectations.

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."

Luke 9:23 (NLT)

Jesus expected the crowd to recognize that His kingdom was different.

⁴¹ But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. ⁴² "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes."

Luke 19:41–42 (NLT)

The rejection came quickly.

But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Luke 23:21 (NLT)

Jesus had been clear about who He was from the very beginning.

Jesus will challenge the way we think, the way we live, the way we love.

People rejected Jesus then and now—but His love remains the same.

Jesus came in peace and love, fully knowing the crowd would turn.

Jesus didn't ride away when misunderstood. He moved *closer* to the cross.

Jesus loves even when we don't get it, even when we reject Him.

Jesus' love isn't based on our behavior. It's based on His character.

Even when we misunderstand Him, Jesus never turns away from us.

Not just the helper in your story... but the *reason* for your story.

Responding to the Real Jesus — Not the One We Create:

1. Reflect on your expectations of Jesus.
2. Surrender control.
3. Recommit to following the real Jesus.
4. Engage with Jesus through scripture.
5. Extend grace like Jesus did.
6. Invite someone into a conversation about Jesus.