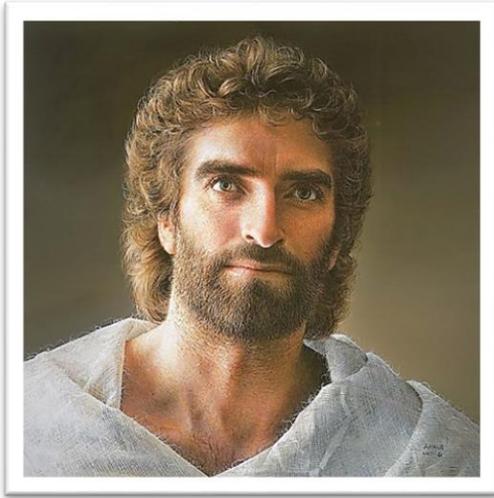


## WHO IS JESUS?



Jesus is the most wonderful person who has ever lived. Admittedly, I am prejudiced, because I love him.

The two things about Jesus that mean the most to me personally are his kindness and his refusal to quit on me.

I used to avoid thinking about God, knowing I wasn't living right, and fearing his judgment. That all changed when God came into my life. My encounter with his sheer goodwill surprised me. There was no hint of judgmental criticism; instead the feeling of complete acceptance.

I could not believe I, of all people, had found God. Up until then, God had been just an uncomfortable idea. To discover he was REAL and was FOR me was quite a shock to my system.

It took some time for me to realize that God was not just a wonderful addition to my life – but that he could become the central unifying theme of my personality and future. Yes, there were competing interests in my life – ambition and immorality being the main ones – but it really was more a RELIEF than a struggle to discover I wanted Jesus more than anything else. So I yielded myself fully to him.

### Who is Jesus?

Jesus is the one who can heal your soul. In fact, he is the only one. No girlfriend, boyfriend, or spouse can fill the void inside you, because that void only God can fill.

Jesus is the one who will forgive ALL your sins. Not just the ones you know about, but also the ones you don't. In fact, Jesus is the only religious figure in all of history who even CLAIMS to forgive sins. He is also the only one who has come back from the dead. Furthermore, Jesus is the only one who claims to be THE way to God.

One time I had an argument about this with a man at the gym. He knew a lot about religion, but was non-committal himself. When I told him Jesus said that he is the only way to God (see John 14:6), he became irritated and challenged me saying, "Are you telling me God is NOT in my life, just because I haven't accepted Jesus?"

I replied, "I am not in a position to know about you – but I will tell you, when I gave myself to Jesus Christ, I found God. And I believe you will too."

Jesus can heal your sicknesses and injuries. I have seen people healed instantly as well as progressively by prayer in his name.

Jesus can set you free from the bondage and torment of Satan. He has COMPLETE authority and power over all spiritual beings, both holy and malign. This freedom from evil has happened to me and has happened with others whom I have prayed over. I have watched this with my own eyes.

"He too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death" (Hebrews 2:14-15).

Jesus has all authority over this universe, NOW.

“All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:18-19).

Obviously, for the time being, not everything submits to his authority. That is going to change though. One day, everything in heaven and on earth will bow the knee in submission and publicly proclaim that Jesus Christ is LORD. Some will do this unwillingly, but all others gratefully (see Philippians 2:9-11).

Jesus is the one before whom ALL people will stand in judgment and give an account for their lives (Romans 2:16).

Furthermore, Jesus is the EXACT duplicate of God. Jesus said, “When you have seen me you have seen the Father” (John 14:9). And not only is Jesus the exact representation of God, but in some mysterious way, he is at the same time, God himself.

“My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish. No one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE” (John 10:27-30).

Jesus is the one who accepts you, not as you wish you were, not as you are trying hard to be, but AS YOU ACTUALLY ARE in the depths of your soul.

The Bible says, “God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, NOT counting men’s sins against them” (2 Corinthians 5:19).

In other words, God has made his peace with you through Jesus. You must now make your peace with God.

How do you do that?

You place your TRUST in Jesus with the intention of becoming his follower.

You are NOT too far gone to come to Christ. No matter who you are or what you have done.

Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance” (Luke 5:31-32).

Would you like to place your trust in Jesus Christ and become his follower? It will involve unique difficulties (friends and family may reject you) but I promise that you will NEVER regret it.

The following seven-minute video will help you receive Jesus Christ if you are interested.

<https://www.facebook.com/PastorScottHilborn/videos/1539516759424669/>