



## **Who is Jesus?**

There are people who stand on the street corner and cry out loud the end is near. They plead with you to believe in Jesus. Only Jesus can save you. Ok, that is interesting but who is this Jesus?

They respond he is your savior. My savior could be the lottery at the moment. I'm knee deep in bills. My savior could be the military or the police. In a way, my wife saved my broken heart.

There are lots of saviors out there. What makes Jesus so special?

It's Christmas time and images of the baby Jesus are still all over the place. You have probably seen them in store front windows. There is a small bed with hay in it. His mother and father are kneeling by him with three wise men. They are all surrounded by animals. Sometimes there is a bright star in the sky above them. Does this scene look like salvation? How could a baby be the savior of the world? How could He be God?

What I would like to talk about this year is people's perspective on this person called Jesus. He is historical to some. We only find him in the Bible. A massive religion is founded on this man. These people called Christians claim he is God. The man on the street says he is a savior. Others call him their home boy (whatever that means). There are thousands of songs and books written about this man. This so-called Son of God. I could ask: what do you think Jesus is? Yet, the real question lingers: why do you believe Jesus is who you think He is?

Here is my take on this Jesus. I had a friend ask me some time ago who Jesus is. She said, I know the name but what is He? She honestly did not know. I think she is in good company. Who or what is Jesus? Is he a king? Some people say that. Then what country? Is he a teacher? Then what university? Is he like Buda? A great philosopher or prophet? The name Jesus is famous but who is he really?

Over the next four weeks I will take a look at four different people in the Bible that had an opinion on who Jesus was to them. Maybe this could shed some light on who Jesus really was. It's not about convincing you to believe in Jesus. How can you believe in someone you do not know? So, lets listen to others explain who they thought he was. It will be interesting and informative. To many people Jesus is many things. There is really no wrong answer. Who is Jesus anyways?

We see that name on everything from bumper stickers to key chains. I have a bobble head on my desk. I know an off shoot Muslim church that claims Jesus is a descendant. Very good people have claimed to worship Him. Yet, some people have done insanelly bad things in the name of Jesus. So many have feelings towards Jesus. It's either love or hatred. Rarely will you find indifference. In reality, Jesus is only found in the Bible. That's the historical source. Let's begin next week with a strange story of a woman at the well found in the Gospel book of John, chapter 4, in the New Testament.