

DAILY READING: WHO IS JESUS?

The greatest priority in my life today is knowing Jesus better. As His follower I have chosen to live like Him; to do the kinds of things He would do. This way my life will bear good fruit. I can only do this through His strength and power living in me. The greatest priority in my life today is knowing Jesus better.

Each of us must decide what we are going to do with Jesus. C. S. Lewis, author of *Mere Christianity*, stated: "You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with a patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to." I have made my choice; I choose to call him Lord.

He became a man; He did not just take on the appearance of a man, He became a man to bridge the gap sin caused between me and God the Father. He chose to lay aside His rights and privileges to identify with me out of love for the Father. Because He died on the cross for my sin, I now have eternal life by putting my faith and trust in Him for the forgiveness of my sins, guilt and shame. I have been given new life in Him. Jesus reveals God the Father to me; everything God the Father is, Jesus is. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." The greatest priority in my life today is knowing Jesus better.

My life is continually being transformed because I have chosen to follow Jesus. His presence in me gives me confidence, makes me fearless, and gives me purpose. The greatest testimony I have is the difference Jesus made and is continuing to make in my life. Regardless of what others say or think of me, I am a follower of Jesus. The greatest priority in my life today is knowing Jesus better.

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ACTIVITY:

After reading the verses each day, pick one characteristic of Jesus you can show to your friends. Look for ways to encourage them, listen to them, and offer them help. See how your relationships will change radically.

DAILY STUDY: WHO IS JESUS?

DAY 1: Fully Human - Philippians 2:5-11 (Page 900); Isaiah 7:14 (Page 522)

DAY 2: Fully Divine - Colossians 1:15-20 (Page 902); Hebrews 1:8 (Page 920); Psalm 45:6 (Page 434)

DAY 3: Jesus Fulfilled His Purpose - Luke 4:16-21 (Page 783); Isaiah 61:1-2 (Page 565)

DAY 4: Jesus Paid it All - 1 Peter 2:24 (Page 935); Isaiah 53:4-5 (Page 559)

DAY 5: Lives Change - Acts 4:13 (Page 833); Habakkuk 3:17-19 (Page 714)

DAY 6: Authority Now and Forever - Revelation 1:4-8 (Page 949); Isaiah 41:4 (Page 548)

DAY 7: Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

MEMORY VERSE:

John 14:6
"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'"
John 14:6

LIFE TRANSFORMATION QUESTIONS:

1. As you read the Daily Reading, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?

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