

"WHAT MAKES JESUS UNIQUE?"

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Matthew 16:13-16 (NIV) "When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'"

What Makes Jesus So Unique?

1. No other great teacher even claimed to bring God to us

Jesus Christ claimed to be God who had come in person to this world

John 10:30 (NIV) "[Jesus said] 'I and the Father are one.'"

John 14:9 (NIV) "[Jesus said] Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?'"

2. No other great teacher dealt radically with human wickedness

Mark 7:21-23 (GN) "[Jesus said] For from the inside, from your heart, come the evil ideas which lead you to do immoral things, to rob, kill, commit adultery, be greedy, and do all sorts of evil things; deceit, indecency, jealousy, slander, pride, and folly – all these evil things come from inside you and make you unclean."

No one can say God has failed to deal justly with human wickedness; He has paid the penalty for it Himself

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV) "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."

3. No other great teacher broke the final barrier - death

Jesus Christ offers eternal life to those who love and trust Him

Disprove the resurrection, and there is no Christianity

1 Corinthians 15:17-19 (GN) "And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins. It would also mean that the believers in Christ who have died are lost. If our hope in Christ is good for this life only and no more, then we deserve more pity than anyone else in all the world."

4. No other great teacher offers to live within his followers

Matthew 28:20 (NLT) "[Jesus said] And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Acts 1:8 (NIV) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit come on you..."

Philippians 4:13 (NLT) "For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need."

At some point we must all answer Jesus' question. Our reply will define our relationship with Him from that point on.

If Christ is our Lord, He becomes the center, the standard by which all we do and are is measured.

My Next Step Today Is:

- I want to ask Christ into my life. I want to become a Christian.
- I have some spiritual questions about a relationship with Christ that I need help answering