

New Believers Bible Study

2. Who is Jesus?: Exploring the life, teachings, and significance of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the central figure of the Christian faith, believed by Christians to be the Son of God and the Savior of humanity. In the New Testament, Jesus is depicted as both fully divine and fully human, who lived a sinless life on earth, teaching about the kingdom of God and demonstrating God's love through his actions. The Gospel accounts—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—provide a detailed record of Jesus' life, teachings, miracles, death, and resurrection. In Matthew 16:15-16, Jesus asks his disciples, "But what about you? Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." This confession of Peter acknowledges Jesus' divine identity. Additionally, in John 14:6, Jesus declares, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." This statement underscores Jesus' unique role as the mediator between humanity and God, emphasizing the necessity of faith in him for salvation. Throughout history, people have grappled with the question of Jesus' identity, but for Christians, he is the ultimate revelation of God's love and the hope of eternal life.

Jesus' Life: Jesus Christ, often referred to as the Son of God, lived a remarkable life on earth around 2,000 years ago. Born in Bethlehem to the Virgin Mary and raised in Nazareth, Jesus' life was marked by humility, compassion, and service. He performed countless miracles, such as healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind, and even raising the dead, demonstrating his divine power and authority over creation. One of the central events of his life was his death on the cross, which he willingly endured as a sacrifice for the sins of humanity.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

This verse encapsulates the essence of Jesus' significance as the Son of God and the Savior of humanity. It highlights God's boundless love for all people, demonstrated through the sacrificial gift of Jesus Christ. Through faith in Jesus, believers receive the promise of eternal

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life, emphasizing the centrality of Jesus' role in bringing salvation to the world.

Jesus' Teachings: Throughout his ministry, Jesus taught profound truths about God's kingdom, love, forgiveness, and the importance of faith. He often used parables—simple stories with deeper spiritual meanings—to convey his messages. Jesus' teachings challenged societal norms and emphasized the importance of humility, compassion, and service to others. His Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew chapters 5-7, contains what is commonly known as the Sermon on the Mount, one of the most famous teachings of Jesus. This sermon is a comprehensive exposition of Jesus' ethical and moral teachings, presenting the principles of the kingdom of God and challenging conventional wisdom. In these chapters, Jesus covers a wide range of topics, including the Beatitudes (blessings pronounced on those with specific character traits), teachings on salt and light (calling believers to be influential and transformative in the world), the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (emphasizing the importance of internal righteousness), instructions on anger, lust, divorce, oaths, retaliation, love for enemies, prayer, fasting, and the pursuit of heavenly treasures. Additionally, Jesus teaches about judging others, asking, seeking, and knocking, the narrow and wide gates, true and false prophets, true and false disciples, and the wise and foolish builders. The Sermon on the Mount concludes with the crowd being amazed at Jesus' authority and teaching style. Overall, these chapters present a radical and transformative vision of discipleship and kingdom living.

Jesus' Significance: The significance of Jesus Christ cannot be overstated. As the Son of God and the long-awaited Messiah, Jesus fulfilled numerous prophecies from the Old Testament. His resurrection from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion validated his claims to be the Savior of the world and conquered sin and death once and for all. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to all who believe in him. As Peter proclaimed in Acts 4:12,

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"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." Jesus' significance extends beyond his earthly ministry, as he continues to reign as Lord and Savior, offering hope and redemption to all who come to him in faith. Acts 4:12.

This verse emphasizes the exclusive role of Jesus Christ as the source of salvation. It underscores the uniqueness of Jesus' name and his indispensable role in the redemption of humanity. According to this verse, salvation cannot be attained through anyone else or any other means, highlighting the centrality of faith in Jesus for eternal life.

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Quiz: (Fill in the blanks)

10. According to Christians, who is Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ is believed by Christians to be the _____ of God and the _____ of humanity.

11. What did Simon Peter confess about Jesus' identity in Matthew 16:15-16?

Simon Peter confessed, "You are the _____, the _____ of the living God."

12. In John 14:6, what does Jesus declare about himself?

Jesus declares, "I am the _____ and the _____ and the _____. No one comes to the Father except through me."

13. According to Acts 4:12, where is salvation found?

Salvation is found in _____, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

14. What does Acts 4:12 emphasize about Jesus' role in salvation?

Acts 4:12 underscores the _____ role of Jesus Christ as the _____ of salvation.

15. This verse emphasizes the exclusive role of _____ as the source of salvation. It underscores the uniqueness of Jesus' name and his indispensable role in the redemption of humanity.