

MORE THAN A TEACHER

WHO IS JESUS, REALLY?

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THE QUESTION

Wasn't Jesus just a wise teacher like Buddha, Gandhi, or MLK? Teachers shape lives by what they say. But Jesus claimed that what you do with Him decides your life forever.

THE TENSION

Our culture respects Jesus' wisdom—"Love your neighbor," "Do unto others"—but dismisses His authority. People want the comfort of His ethics without the confrontation of His divinity. But here's the problem: the same Jesus who said, "Blessed are the peacemakers" also said, "Before Abraham was, I AM." (John 8:58). That's not just teaching—that's claiming the divine name of God.

THE STORY BENEATH IT ALL

In **Creation**, Jesus is the Word who gave life (John 1:1-3).
 In the **Fall**, humanity didn't merely disobey rules; we rejected God Himself.
 In **Redemption**, Jesus steps in—not as a philosopher but as a Savior. His teaching explains the Kingdom, but His cross secures our place in it.
 In **Restoration**, Jesus will be revealed as Judge and King (Revelation 19:11-16).

THE COLLISION OF IDENTITY AND AUTHORITY

Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?" (Matt. 16:15).
 Peter answered: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." That's identity.
 Later, Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on Earth has been given to me." (Matt. 28:18). That's authority. Here's the collision: you can't separate who Jesus is from what Jesus claims. If He really is the Son of God, then His authority isn't optional — it's ultimate. So the question comes back to you: Who do you say He is?

SO WHY DOES IT MATTER TODAY?

Because "good teachers" can challenge your habits, but they can't forgive your sins. A "wise leader" can give advice, but only the Son of God can give eternal life.

DON'T REDUCE JESUS TO INSPIRATION. HE IS MORE THAN A TEACHER. HE IS LORD. AND THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING.