

Is Jesus Really God?

For the week of Feb. 10, 2019

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VIDEO 1: PULSE OF THE WORLD ON JESUS

This video is a 2.5-minute survey of many people's responses to this question.

Questions for Discussion:

- Did you identify with anyone's expressed views in the film? If so, who and what resonated with you?
- Does it seem consistent with your experience that "67 percent of US adults . . . have a personal relationship with Jesus"? Why or why not?

VIDEO 2: THE CURIOSITY COLLECTIVE: IS JESUS REALLY GOD?

This is a 10-minute collection of subject matter experts discussing the question "Is Jesus really God?" It displays the various questions, struggles, and perspectives of these individuals regarding this week's topic. See what they have to say and then discuss it.

Questions for Discussion:

After watching the video, choose from this list of questions or ask some of your own to facilitate discussion. There's no need to limit your discussion to these questions or to feel pressured to cover all of them in the time you

have.

- In what ways can you identify with any of the stories in The Curiosity Collective? What did you find intriguing or compelling?
- Was Jesus a historical figure, in your opinion? Why or why not?
- What did Leonce mean when he said, "Religion says 'I do, therefore I'm loved.' Jesus says, 'You're loved, therefore you do'"?
- Christians believe that sin separates humanity from God. Yet Jesus, through his death, bridges that gap. Why do you think Jesus had to die in order to accomplish this?



- In the video, Bryan says “[Jesus] was resurrected—rose up from the dead—with over five hundred witnesses. They saw him and, based on that encounter, were willing to die in order to testify as to what they saw.” What do you think about his claim?
- What do you think about Jesus’s claim to be God?

INTO THE BIBLE:

1. Who is Jesus? God’s Word gives us insight. Together or by yourself, read Colossians 1:15-23 and Hebrews 1:1-4. Now list at least 10 descriptions of who Jesus Christ is or what He does. What stands out to you? Any new thought?

2. Now read Philippians 2:1-11. How should this scene, even though it’s in the future, change the way we think about Jesus now—and also about how we interact with each other? Name 3-5 ways this passage tells us how we should follow Jesus’ model of humility.

We read Colossians 1:15-23 earlier, now go back and read Colossians 1:9-14 and make it a prayer on behalf of each other.

Pray also for those who do not yet know Jesus, that their thirst for Him will be increased in anticipation of what they will hear next week.

Memory Verse: *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation” (Colossians 1:15).*

