

Do You Understand Who Jesus Is?

Jesus Christ— who was born in Bethlehem, reared in Nazareth, and crucified in Jerusalem— was not simply a man in and through whom God uniquely manifested himself. Jesus was fully human but he was not merely human. He was God become God-man. Any understanding of Jesus that does not honor him as God is not true to the primary historical account of his life. John Stott wrote, “Our claim, then, is not just that Jesus was one of the great spiritual leaders of the world. It would be hopelessly incongruous to refer to him as ‘Jesus the Great’, comparable to Alexander the Great, Charles the Great, or Napoleon the Great. Jesus is not ‘the Great’; he is the only. He has no peers, no rivals, and no successors.” Stott continues, “Because of his identity as God, Jesus Christ is not to be relegated, like other religious leaders, to history and the history books. He is not dead and gone, finished and fossilized. He is alive and active. He calls us to follow him, and he offers himself to us as our indwelling and transforming Savior.” (John 1:1 & 20:28, Titus 1:8, Heb. 1:8, 2 Pet. 1:1, Rom. 9, Col. 2:9)

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