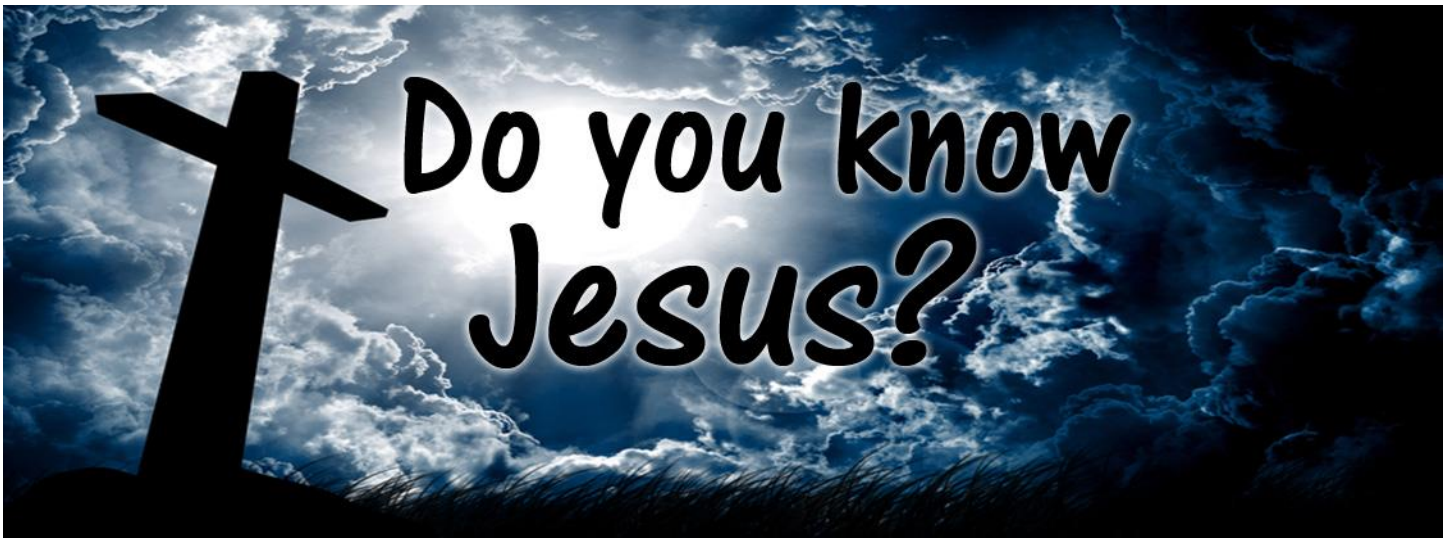


## 1. Jesus is God

Many people regard Jesus merely as a good teacher. But the Bible teaches us that he was much more (see verses below). Jesus claimed to be one with the Father and almost got stoned for claiming equality with God. The Bible teaches that Jesus was the creator of the world. Nothing was made without him. And when the resurrected Christ appeared to his disciples, Thomas called Jesus, *"My Lord and my God."* Jesus did not rebuke him but rather cited the blessing given to those who have not seen and yet believe. Jesus is God.

*30" "I and the Father are one." 31 Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, …* (John 10: 30-31)

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made… 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him… 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.* (John 1:1-3, 10, 14)

*15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together… 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.* (Colossians 1:15-20)

*27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."* (John 20:27-29)

## 2. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to the virgin, Mary.

*20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,[f] because he will save his people from their sins."* (Matthew 1:20-21)

## 3. Jesus performed many miracles

Jesus fed multitudes with a few loaves and fishes; He cured the lame, the blind, the leprous; He cast out evil demons; He walked on water; the winds and waves obeyed his commands; He raised his friend, Lazarus, from the dead. These and other miracles are found in the books of Mathew, Mark, Luke and John.

*[39] He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. [40] He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" [41] They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"* ( Mark 4: 39-41)

*[43] When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" [44] The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."* (John 11:43-44)

## 4. Jesus is the only way to God

*[6] Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* (John 14:6)

*[36] Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.* (John 3:36)

## 5. We need Jesus. Because of our sin we do not deserve to go to heaven. Thus we need a savior.

*[23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God… (Romans 3:23)*

*[20] Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.* (Romans 3:20)

## 6. Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins.

*[24] "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross…* (1Peter 2:24)

*[8] But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* (Romans 5:8)

## 7. Jesus was resurrected from the dead.

*… that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, [5] and that he appeared to Cephas,[b] and then to the Twelve. [6] After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time…* (1Cor 15:3-6)

## 8. We need to receive Jesus by faith.

[8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

*[16] 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. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. [18] Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.* (John 3:16-18)

*[25] Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; [26] and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"* (John 11:25-26)

*[12] Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God…* (John 1:12)

## 9. You can express your faith with this prayer to receive Jesus into your life.

Jesus – I know that I don't deserve heaven. I am a sinner who has fallen short of your holy standard. Thank you for dying on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin. I believe that you rose from the dead and offer salvation as a free gift to those who put their trust in you. I now receive that gift. I receive you into my life as my Lord and Savior. Please come into my life, wash away my sin and make me the kind of person that you want me to be. Amen.

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