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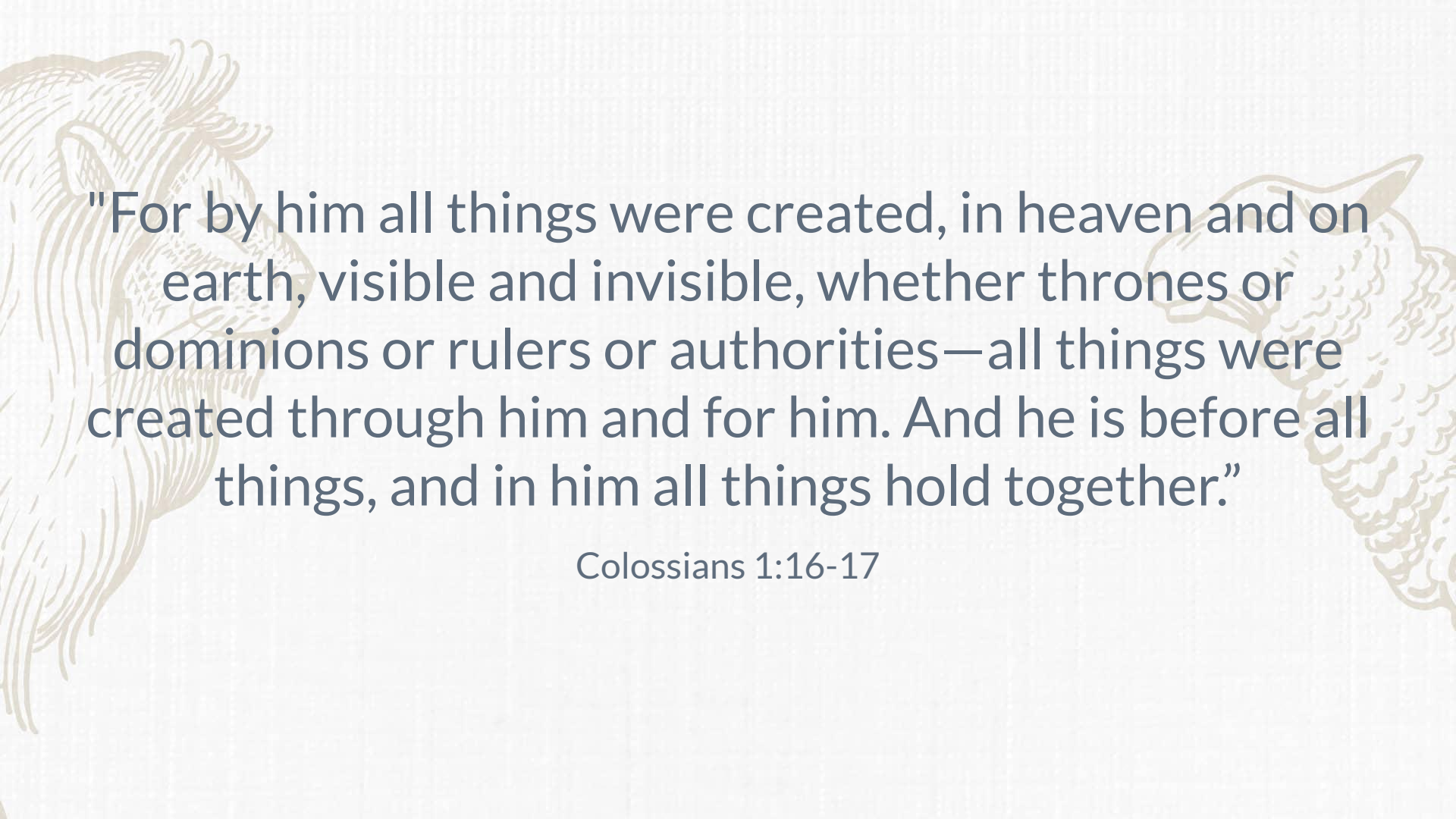


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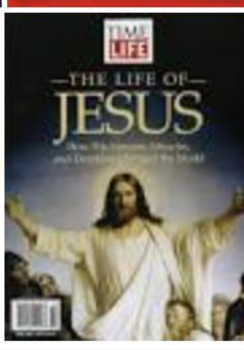
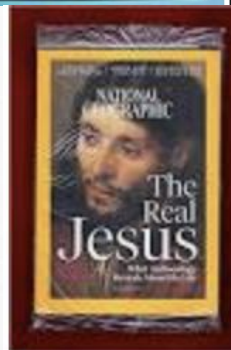
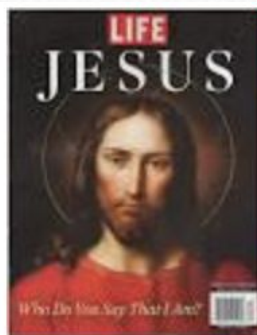


The Heart of the Christian
Faith is a **Person**



"For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

Colossians 1:16-17





What do people tend to
believe about **Jesus**?



What are your sources?

“...once Jesus is liberated from the confines of revelation, he ends up looking a lot like the ideals of his re-interpreters.”

Stephen Nichols

What are your sources?

There have been too many historical Jesuses--a liberal Jesus, a pneumatic Jesus, a Barthian Jesus, a Marxist Jesus. They are a cheap crop of each publisher's list, like the new Napoleons and new Queen Victorias. It is not to such phantoms that I look for my faith and my salvation.

C.S. Lewis



Not merely information

"You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!"

James 2:19





The purpose of this class

“... these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”


John 20:31






3 Classes, 3 Questions

- Who is Jesus?
- What did He do?
- What are the implications?



Jesus 101: What to expect

1. Jesus is God
 2. Jesus is Savior
 3. Jesus is Lord
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Who is **Jesus?**





Who did **Jesus claim**
himself to be?





Jesus saw himself as central to his teaching

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

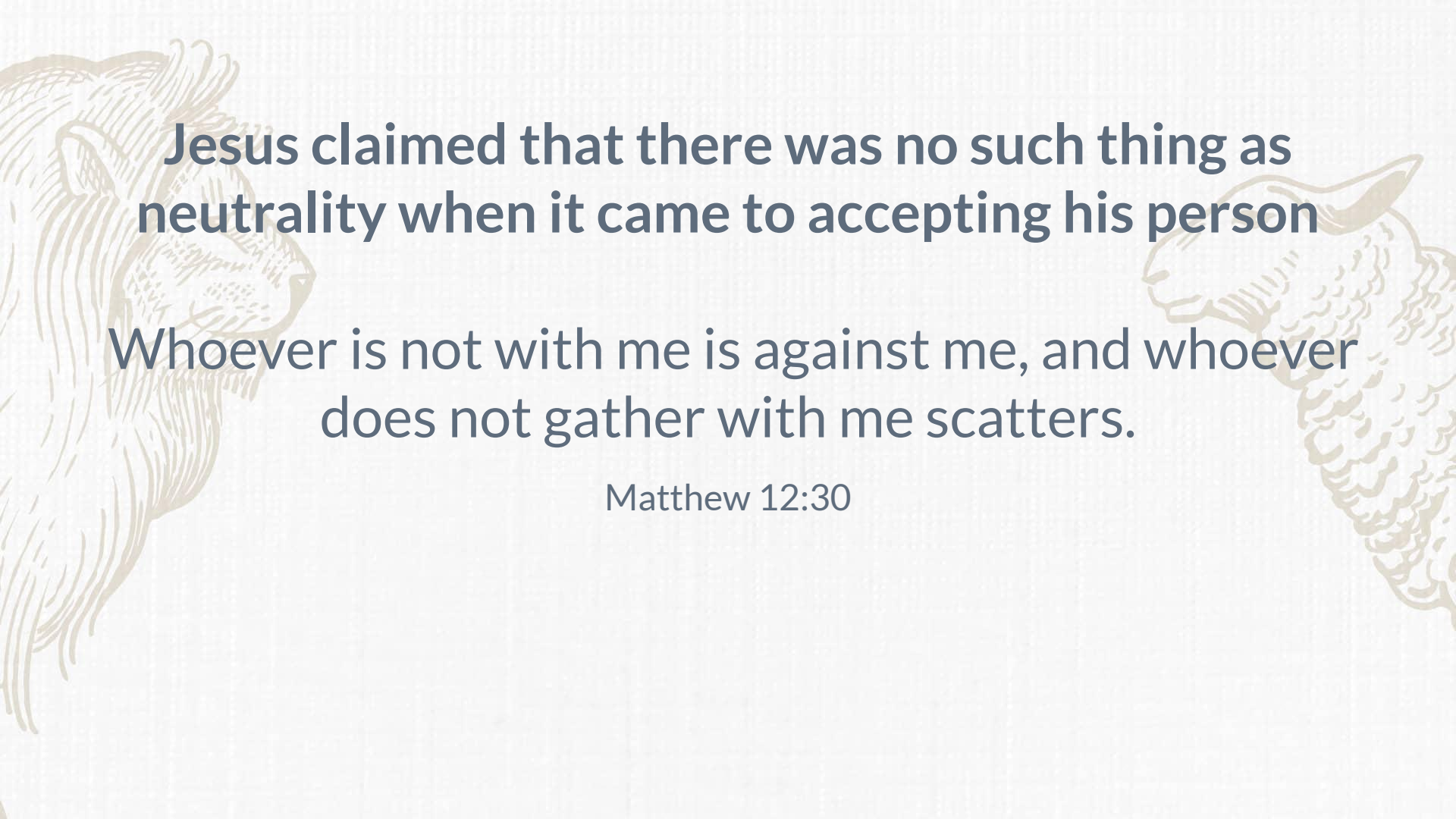
John 14:6



**Jesus claimed that the entirety of the Old Testament
Scriptures were about him**

You search the Scriptures because you think that in
them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear
witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that
you may have life.

John 5:40



**Jesus claimed that there was no such thing as
neutrality when it came to accepting his person**

**Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever
does not gather with me scatters.**

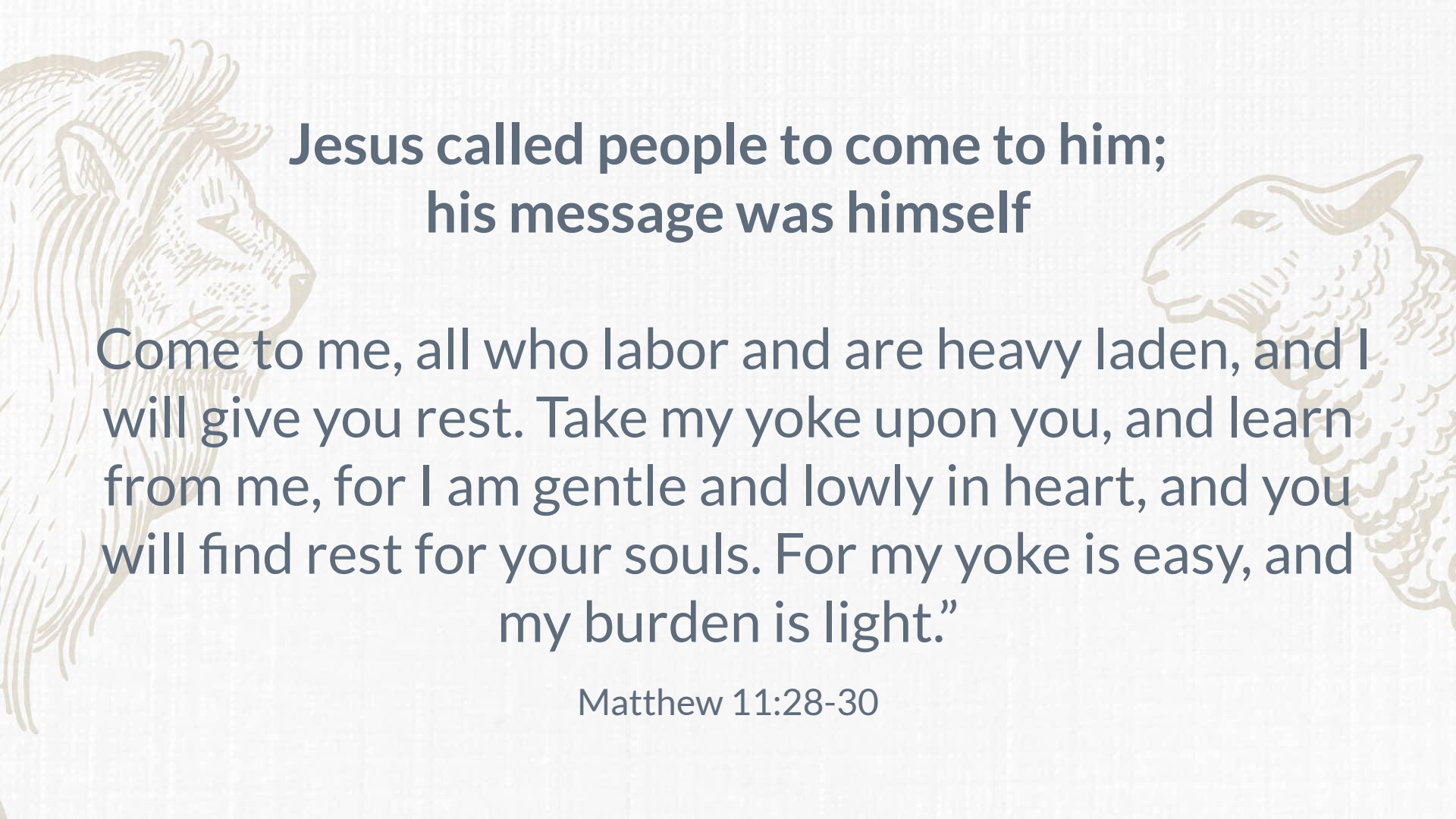
Matthew 12:30



**Jesus elevated our relationship to him as higher than
all other relationships in life**

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not
worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter
more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does
not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses
his life for my sake will find it.

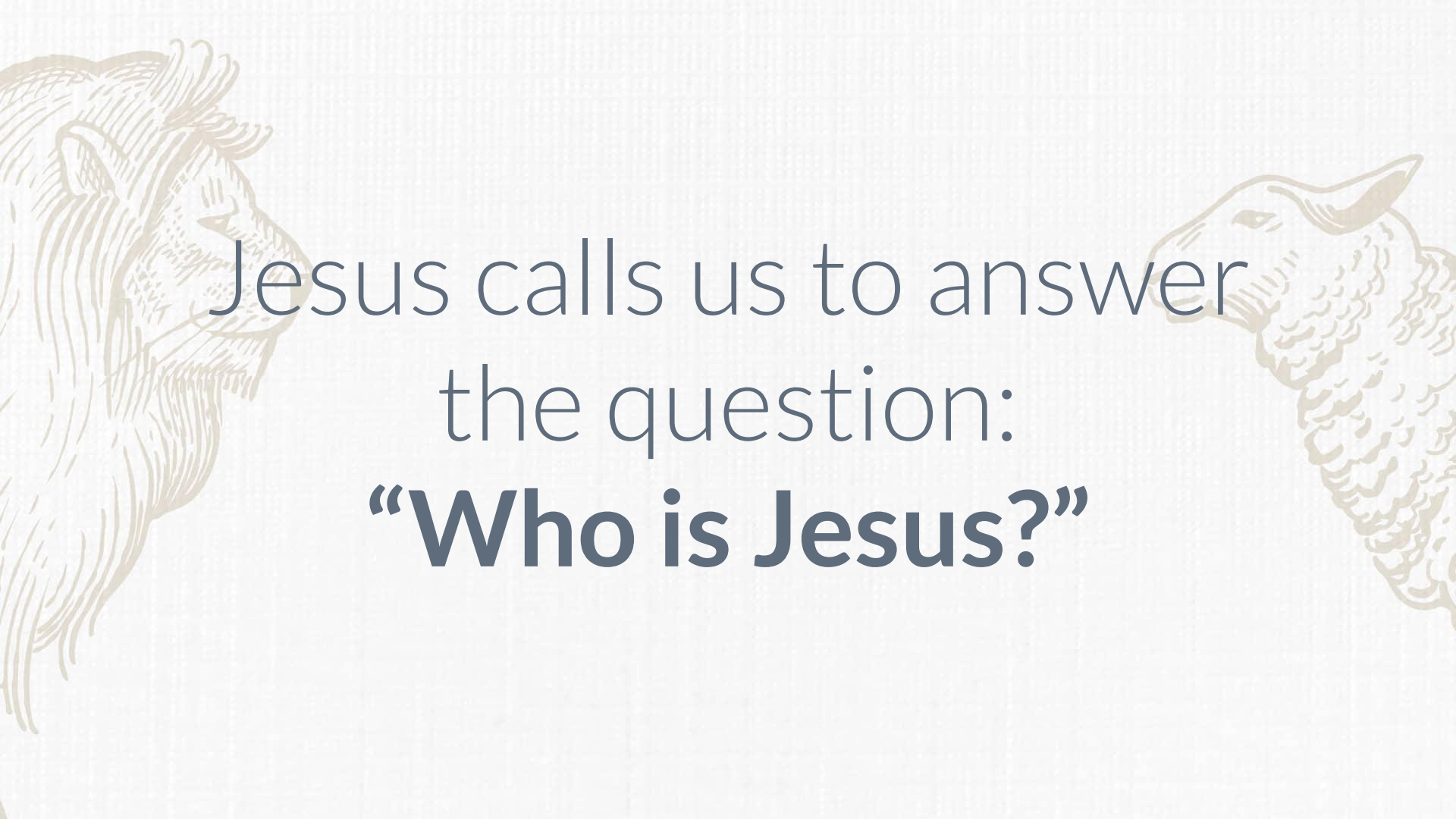
Matthew 10:37-39



**Jesus called people to come to him;
his message was himself**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30



Jesus calls us to answer
the question:
“Who is Jesus?”



So Jesus asked his disciples:

...he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, **“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! **For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.**

Matthew 16:13-17



Jesus is either Liar, Lunatic, or Lord

“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either the man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse.

C.S. Lewis



Jesus is either Liar, Lunatic, or Lord

You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. **He did not intend to.**

C.S. Lewis



Who is **Jesus?**

Jesus is **God**
He is the **incarnate Son of God**





What do we mean by
God?





Unbiblical Conceptions

Polytheism (many gods)

Pantheism (god is everything)

Panentheism (god in everything)

Deism (god absent)

Atheism (materialistic god)



The God of Athiesm





One God

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5



One God

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Psalms 96:4-5





Creator

“In the beginning God Created the Heavens
and the Earth”.

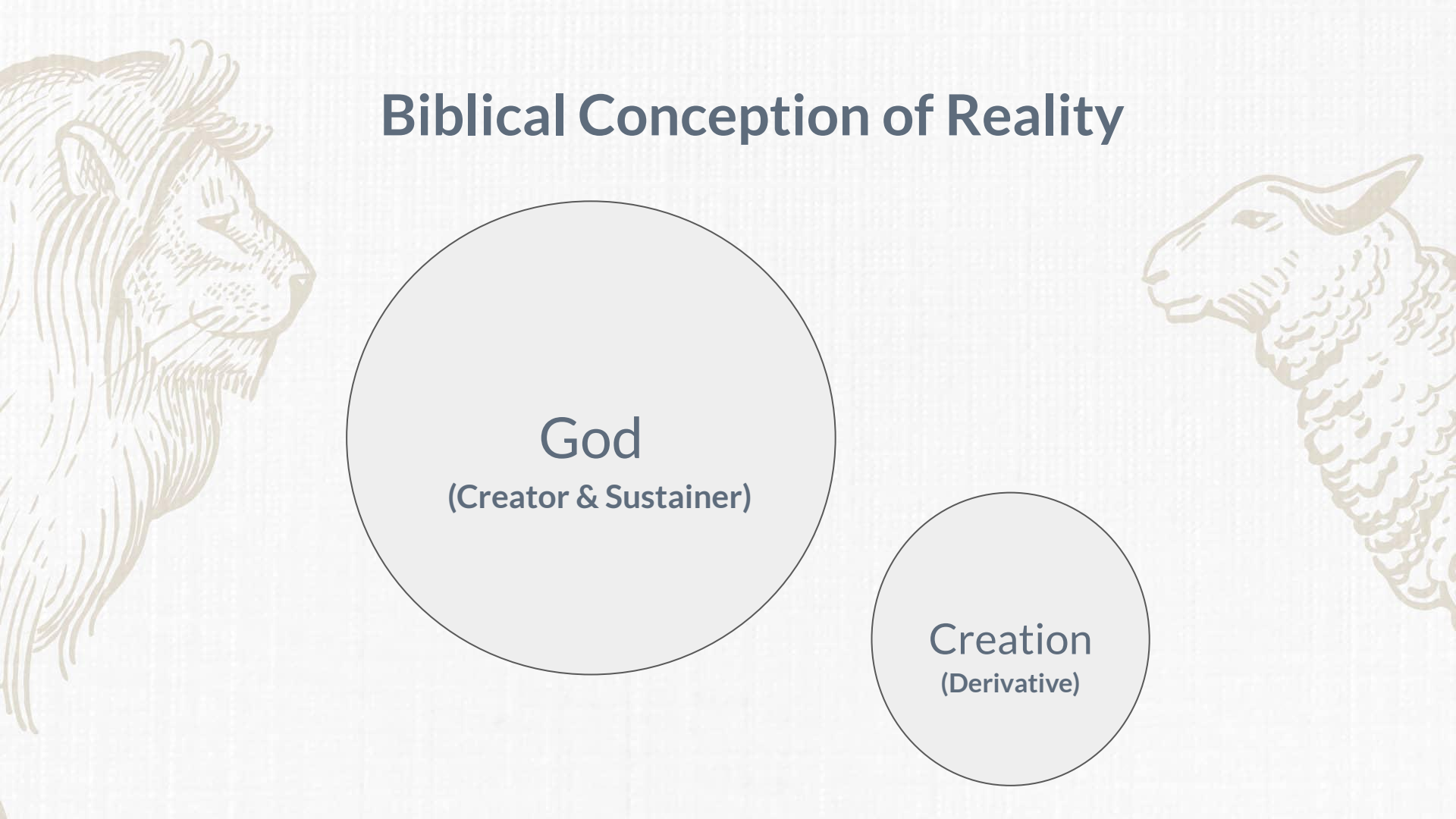
Genesis 1:1

Unbiblical Conceptions of Reality



All Existence
(water, earth, gum,
people, stardust,
porcupines, frogs,
god(s), vibes, etc)

Biblical Conception of Reality



God
(Creator & Sustainer)

Creation
(Derivative)

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

COMMUNICABLE

- BEING
- PURPOSE
- MENTAL
- MORAL
- SUMMARY

INCOMMUNICABLE

To study God's attributes is to study his character, to answer questions like, Who is God? and What is God like? A typical classification of God's attributes divides them into those that are *incommunicable* (those that he does not share or "communicate" to anyone or anything else) and *communicable* (those that he shares with other beings). Like most theological classifications, this one is imperfect but still helpful as we seek to understand what is so far beyond ourselves.

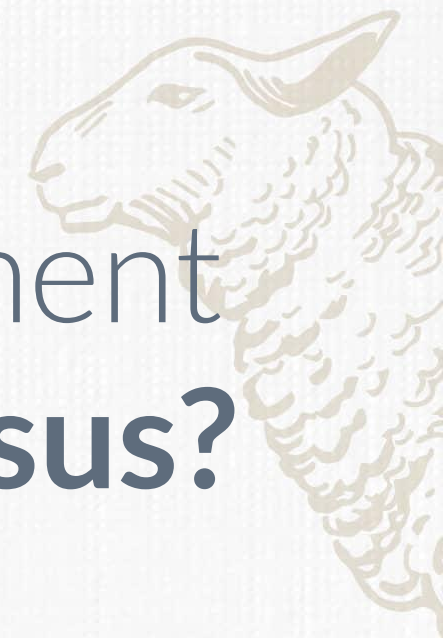
God's communicable attributes can be further categorized into: attributes of God's being, mental attributes, moral attributes, attributes of purpose and "summary" attributes (attributes that, in a more particular way, modify each of the others).

It is important to consider that God is not simply the sum of his attributes. His attributes are not separate from one another, but each one modifies or qualifies each of the others.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES:

Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem
The Attributes of God by A.W. Pink

- TRANSCENDENCE** → GOD TRANSCENDS ALL CREATION AND IS UNKNOWNABLE APART FROM HIS SELF-INITIATED REVELATION.
- IMMANENCE** → GOD IS ACTIVE IN THIS WORLD AND IN OUR DAILY LIVES. GOD CARES ABOUT EVERY ASPECT OF OUR EXISTENCE AND INVITES US TO WELCOME HIS GUIDANCE, GRACE, AND LOVE.
- ASEITY** → GOD IS SELF-EXISTENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENT AND HAS NO NEED OF HUMAN BEINGS OR THE REST OF CREATION.
- OMNIPRESENCE** → GOD HAS NO SIZE OR SHAPE AND IS PRESENT IN ALL PLACES WITH HIS ENTIRE BEING.
- UNITY** → GOD'S WHOLE BEING INCLUDES ALL OF HIS ATTRIBUTES AT ALL TIMES. THESE ATTRIBUTES ARE NEVER IN OPPOSITION.
- ETERNALITY** → GOD HAS ALWAYS EXISTED, HAVING NO BEGINNING AND NO END, AND EXPERIENCING NO SUCCESSION OF MOMENTS.
- IMMUTABILITY** → GOD CANNOT CHANGE IN HIS BEING, PERFECTIONS, PURPOSES, AND PROMISES.
- GLORY** → THE CREATED BRIGHTNESS THAT SURROUNDS GOD'S REVELATION OF HIMSELF.
- BEAUTY** → GOD IS THE POSSESSOR AND THE SUM OF ALL DESIRABLE QUALITIES.
- BLESSEDNESS** → GOD DELIGHTS FULLY IN HIMSELF AND IN ALL THAT REFLECTS HIS CHARACTER.
- PERFECTION** → GOD FULLY POSSESSES ALL EXCELLENT QUALITIES AND LACKS NO QUALITIES THAT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR HIM.
- JEALOUSY** → GOD ALWAYS SEEKS TO PROTECT HIS OWN HONOR.
- GOODNESS** → GOD IS THE FINAL STANDARD OF ALL GOOD, AND ALL HE IS AND DOES IS WORTHY OF APPROVAL.
- PEACE** → GOD, IN HIS BEING AND ACTIONS, IS SEPARATE FROM ALL CONFUSION AND DISORDER.
- HOLINESS** → GOD IS SEPARATED FROM SIN AND HE IS COMMITTED TO SEEKING HIS OWN HONOR.
- LOVE** → GOD ETERNALLY GIVES OF HIMSELF TO OTHERS.
- MERCY** → GOD IS GOOD TO THOSE IN MISERY AND DISTRESS AND HE IS GOOD TO THOSE WHO DESERVE PUNISHMENT.
- RIGHTEOUSNESS** → GOD IS THE FINAL STANDARD OF WHAT IS RIGHT AND HE ALWAYS ACTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT IS RIGHT. (THIS IS ALSO KNOWN AS GOD'S JUSTICE)
- WRATH** → GOD INTENSELY HATES ALL SIN.
- TRUTHFULNESS** → GOD IS THE TRUE GOD WHOSE KNOWLEDGE AND WORDS ARE BOTH TRUE AND THE FINAL STANDARD OF TRUTH.
- KNOWLEDGE** → GOD FULLY KNOWS HIMSELF AND ALL ACTUAL AND POSSIBLE THINGS. (THIS IS ALSO KNOWN AS GOD'S OMNISCIENCE)
- WISDOM** → GOD ALWAYS CHOOSES THE BEST GOALS AND THE BEST MEANS TO THOSE GOALS.
- WILL** → GOD APPROVES AND DETERMINES TO BRING ABOUT EVERY ACTION NECESSARY FOR THE EXISTENCE AND ACTIVITY OF ALL THAT EXISTS.
- FREEDOM** → GOD DOES WHATEVER HE PLEASES.
- OMNIPOTENCE** → GOD IS ABLE TO DO ALL HIS HOLY WILL. GOD EXERCISES COMPLETE POWER OVER HIS CREATION AND RULES AS SOVEREIGN.
- INVISIBILITY** → GOD'S TOTAL ESSENCE, ALL OF HIS BEING, WILL NEVER BE VISIBLE TO US.
- SPIRITUALITY** → GOD IS A BEING WHO IS NOT MADE UP OF MATTER AND WHO CANNOT BE PERCEIVED BY OUR BODILY SENSES.



Does the New Testament
Teach the **Deity of Jesus?**



Pervasive Witness

"The very abundance and persuasiveness of the evidence of the deity of Christ greatly increases the difficulty of adequately stating it."

B.B. Warfield



Pre-Existence of Jesus

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made

John 1:1-3



Pre-Existence of Jesus

Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

John 8:56-58

Pre-Existence of Jesus

“Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” 14 God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

Exodus 3:13-14



Incarnation of Jesus

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

JOHN 1:14



Incarnation of Jesus

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

Matthew 1:21-23.



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Jesus forgives sin

"And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Luke 5:20-21



Jesus is Lord over Nature

"And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?"

Luke 8:24-25



Jesus All-Knowing of Man

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man

John 2:23-25



Jesus Judges

Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

Jude 1:5

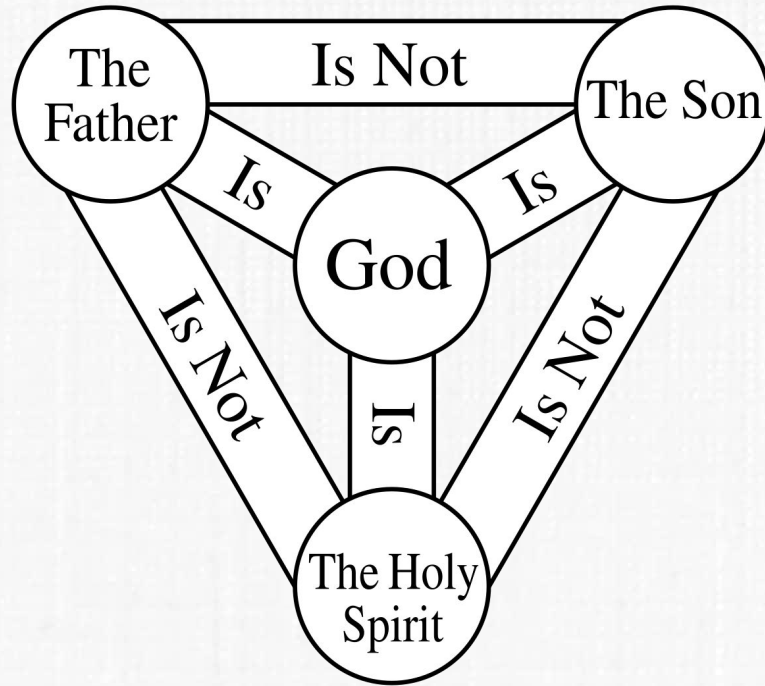


Jesus Sustains the Universe

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Hebrews 1:1-8

Jesus is a member of the Trinity





Trinity

Q: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A: There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q 6.



Three Distinct Persons

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:16-17(ESV)

Fully God

We believe... in one Lord Jesus Christ
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made....

From the Nicene Creed



The Creed of Chalcedon

...our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a rational soul and body; coessential with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin...

From the Creed of Chalcedon



If Jesus is who he claims to
be, **what should our
response be?**