

Week 3: IS JESUS THE SON OF GOD? IS JESUS GOD?

Opening Questions:

Who is Jesus to you?

What part of who Jesus is, as the Christian faith teaches, do you have questions about?

What part gives you the most hope?

How do you interact with Jesus? (Do you?)

Is Jesus God?<sup>1</sup>

We get most of our historical information on the person of Jesus from the four gospels:

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; and the book of Acts.<sup>2</sup>

Beyond the Christian tradition, there are Jewish and secular historians who agree and





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second category. Think: who else in history has truly impacted the world, and also claimed to be God? Others who have claimed to be God have not been world-wide history-changers and society-shapers. There are people whose lives have been changed by Jesus – third category. Addicts who stop abusing their substance; thieves who stop stealing; adulterers who stop their infidelity and learn to be faithful; murderers who find forgiveness and restoration and peace. Only Jesus can fit all three of these categories – world-changer, claimed to be God, and the one who changes lives. So

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The picture of Jesus portrayed in the gospels is not one who is psychologically or emotionally unstable. Instead, he is portrayed as



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