



## SESSION ONE

# IS JESUS THE ONLY GOD?

Mark 14:61-62

Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am..."

This question has divided nations, incited political outrage and spawned centuries of theological debate and discourse. No question in life bears upon itself the weight of significance and responsibility that this one does. There are many questions that we can wrongly answer with varying degrees of consequences, but none is more important than this:

### *Is Jesus the only God?*

There are a wide array of views concerning who the person of Jesus was in history and who He is today. Some say He was simply a great teacher, others say a prophet, while others suggest that He was merely a moral man who lived His life well, a worthy example of how we should in turn live our lives.

While there are many views about who Jesus is, what role He played in history and what role He still plays today, no view is more important than the view that Jesus had of Himself. His claims of being one with God the Father, having the power to perform miracles and forgive sin, living in a sinless state of perfection, sitting as the supreme authority over all creation and existing as God in eternity past all demand a response on our part. Will we believe that He is who He claims to be? Or will we consider Him to be a lunatic who died a brutal death on the Cross for His commitment to a series of claims that were ultimately untrue?

In this session we will explore the different historical, social and religious views of who Jesus is, as well as examine some of the claims that Jesus made of Himself as recorded in Scripture. We will then ask the question in response, *If Jesus is who He says He is, what difference does that make in my life?*

**John 6:38**

*For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.*

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**John 10:32**

*Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?"*

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**John 8:46**

*Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?*

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**Psalms 51:4**

*Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.*

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**Luke 5:20 - 21**

*And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"*

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**Mark 14:61b - 64**

*Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" 62 And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." 63 And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? 64 You have heard his blasphemy..."*

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**John 8:58 - 59**

*Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.*

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**John 10:30 - 33**

*I and the Father are one." 31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" 33 The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that*

*we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."*

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**Deuteronomy 6:4**

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.*

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**Matthew 28:18**

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

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**John 14:6**

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

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe that Jesus is the only God?

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*There are a ton of questions that you can get wrong throughout life with varying degrees of pain and difficulty. This question, however, is the most important.*

2. If so, why? Which reason is most compelling for you?

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3. In your opinion, why do people struggle to believe the claims that Jesus made about Himself?

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*...within pop culture, Jesus is sort of a marketing item and in many ways is just a great example of a great person, but not widely believed to be God.*

4. How do you see Jesus viewed in popular culture today?

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*...Jesus clearly, emphatically, repeatedly said, "I am God."*

5. Who do you need to speak with about Jesus, answering any questions he or she may have about Him?

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## KEY THOUGHT

Everything hinges on whether or not you believe Jesus is God, including the quality of life that you live today and the eternity of life that you'll have after this life.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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### NOTES

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