



- A Jesus revolution happens when we discover who Jesus **claims to be**.

- When we believe that Jesus is who He claims to be, our **faith** in Jesus increases.

And without faith it is impossible to please God...Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

"You'll remember, friends, that when I first came to you, I didn't try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy. I deliberately kept it plain and simple: first Jesus and who he is; then Jesus and what he did--Jesus crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (MSG)

- A Jesus revolution happens when I discover that Jesus is **God**.

The next day the great crowd that had come for the (Passover) festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" John 12:12-13 (NIV)

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But they shouted, 'Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify Him!'... John 19:15 (NIV)

- Jesus made His deity so clear that it **killed** him.

Jesus Claimed:

- Jesus claimed to be **God**.

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them... John 8:58-59

God replied to Moses, "I am who I am. Say this to the people of Israel: I am has sent me to you." Exodus 34:14

"And the Father are one." The Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?" The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God..." John 10:30-33

Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" Matthew 4:7

- The Old Testament **promised** that Jesus is God.

...the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us'). Isaiah 7:14

- Jesus did what only God **could do**.

Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven." But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, "What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!" Mark 2:5-7 (NLT)

- The scripture identifies Jesus as God from the **beginning**.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. John 1:1-3

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory... John 1:14

For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. Colossians 2:9

- Jesus' followers **identified** Him as God.

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. John 20:27-28 (NLT)

Why I need to discover that Jesus is God:

- We don't **define** him, we let Him define us.

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

- When I know Jesus is God, I'll **worship** Him.

The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. Matthew 28:8-9

Look for ways to **worship** Him.

- Only God can take away my **sin**.

I, the Messiah, have the authority on earth to forgive sins. Mark 2:9

Let Jesus **forgive** your sin.



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- We live in a world that denies that Jesus is God; In your own words, why is it important for us to discover that Jesus is God? How does experiencing Jesus as God change our response to him (or how we do life with Him)?
- At Jesus' triumphal entry the crowd worshipped Jesus for what they thought they would get from Jesus. Do you think we have a tendency to do the same thing? How did the crowd respond when they didn't get what they wanted from Jesus?
- Talk through the points under the heading: "Jesus Claimed".
- Why does it matter that Jesus claimed to be God?
- Does it matter that the Old Testament prophesied that Jesus is God?
- How does it change your response to Jesus when you know He is your creator?
- As a follower of Jesus do you publicly identify Jesus as God?
- Why does knowing Jesus is God cause us to worship Him?

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