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## Who Is Jesus?

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### TODAY'S READING: John 7

Who do you think Jesus is? Whether people know it or not, they have an answer to this question. Jesus is so controversial because even people who do not care about Him or like Him must answer this question. Jesus Christ changed the history of the world and His impact on society to this day is unparalleled. C.S. Lewis famously wrote that Jesus was either a liar, lunatic, or Lord. Historically, there is no debate that He existed and was a real person. There are many sources outside of the Bible that confirm this (Tacitus, Pliny the Younger, and Josephus). One of our students here, Jacob, once told me, "You know why everyone makes fun of Christianity the most? Because it's true." Jacob was making the point that society mocks Christianity, and the reason is Christianity is the one true religion.

Beginning in John 7:40, people are responding to hearing Jesus and are arguing over who He is. Notice that they were not ignoring him. People had to take notice of the Man who was performing miracles and speaking like no one they had ever heard before. Some people realized Jesus was the Prophet and Christ they had heard about for so long and had been waiting for. Other people questioned Jesus because He was from Galilee. Just like our society, when Nicodemus tried to defend Jesus, the Pharisees mocked Him and thought He was stupid. The Pharisees told everyone Jesus could not be the Messiah because no prophet was to come from Galilee. This is ironic because Jonah, Elijah and Nahum all came from Galilee! Also, if they were not so busy hating Jesus, they could have asked Him where he was born and they would have realized He did fulfill the prophesy that the Messiah would come from Bethlehem. Even if some people do not believe it, all the evidence points to Jesus being the Son of God. Do not hide who Jesus is today and what He has done in your life. Some people will reject Christ no matter what you tell them but, Christian, you must tell them.

**PRAYER:** Father, You are the creator of the universe and sustainer of all life. Thank You for intervening in time which You created to give us Christ. Help me be obedient today to share Christ with those around me.

### TOMORROW'S READING: John 8

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