

Small Group Guide

Is Jesus Really God?

Important Questions of Faith (Part 5)

October 18, 2026

Overview

This session explores one of the most urgent and foundational questions of the Christian faith: Is Jesus really God? The sermon presents compelling evidence for the divinity of Christ and calls each person to move beyond intellectual curiosity toward genuine trust and surrender.

Key Takeaways

- The divinity of Jesus is not a secondary issue. As the sermon states, "Christianity depends on Jesus being God like the earth depends on the sun for human existence."
 - Jesus made direct, unmistakable claims to be God. These claims cannot be dismissed while still honoring him as a great moral teacher.
 - Compelling evidence for the divinity of Christ includes his own claims, fulfilled Old Testament prophecy, his perfect character, the miracles he performed, and the radical dedication of his disciples.
 - Faith is ultimately required, but that faith is not blind. It is supported by substantial historical and scriptural evidence.
 - The goal is not merely intellectual agreement but personal trust -- surrendering one's life to Jesus as Lord and Savior.
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Discussion Questions

Opening

1. Before hearing this sermon, how would you have answered the question "Is Jesus really God?" Has your thinking shifted at all, even slightly? If so, in what direction?
2. The sermon opens with several people sharing their views on Jesus -- ranging from seeing him as a great moral teacher to being uncertain whether he is divine. Which of those perspectives have you heard most often from people in your life?

Digging Deeper

3. The sermon describes this question as both critical and urgent. Do you agree? Why do you think so many people treat it as optional or secondary?
4. C.S. Lewis argued that calling Jesus merely a great moral teacher is not a reasonable option given the claims Jesus made. In your own words, why does Lewis say that? Do you find that argument convincing? Why or why not?
5. The sermon identifies four areas of compelling evidence for the divinity of Christ:
 - Jesus' own claims to divinity
 - Fulfilled Old Testament prophecy
 - The perfect character of Jesus
 - The miracles Jesus performed and the dedication of his disciples

Which of these carries the most weight for you personally? Is there one that you find more difficult to accept or understand?

6. The sermon raises the point that most of the key disciples died as martyrs for their belief that Jesus is God. How does that reality affect your thinking about the truthfulness of their testimony?
7. The illustration of the soldier who stripped off his uniform and lay on the floor alongside the prisoners was used to describe why Jesus can be trusted. How does that image connect to the idea of the incarnation -- God becoming human? What does it stir in you emotionally or spiritually?

Personal Reflection

8. The sermon describes three groups of people in the room: those who do not yet believe, those in a season of doubt, and those who believe and want to help others. Which of those descriptions best fits where you are right now?
9. The pastor says, "Can I trust Jesus to be who he says he is?" is ultimately a question of the heart, not just the mind. What is the biggest obstacle -- whether intellectual, emotional, or relational -- that makes it difficult for you to fully trust Jesus?
10. The sermon challenges believers not to skip the hard questions but to wrestle with them and resolve them personally. Are there foundational questions about your faith that you have never fully worked through? What would it look like to engage those honestly?

Application

11. The sermon emphasizes that these questions are not just for personal faith but also for helping others come to know Jesus. Who in your life is asking questions about Jesus or faith right now? How might this sermon's content help you have a meaningful conversation with that person?
 12. The disciples were willing to give their lives for their conviction that Jesus is God. The sermon asks whether we are willing to endure even minor pushback or opposition for our faith. In your daily life, where do you feel the most pressure to stay silent or compromise what you believe?
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Practical Applications

- **This week:** Identify one person in your life who holds a view of Jesus similar to those expressed at the opening of the sermon -- perhaps seeing him as a good teacher but not as God. Pray for an opportunity to have an honest, respectful conversation with that person about who Jesus claimed to be.
 - **For personal study:** Read Isaiah 53 and reflect on how it connects to the life, suffering, and death of Jesus. Consider how fulfilled prophecy strengthens your confidence in the truth of Scripture.
 - **For the group:** As a group, discuss what it would look like to live with greater conviction and clarity about the divinity of Christ in your everyday relationships, workplaces, and neighborhoods.
 - **For those still wrestling:** If you are in a place of doubt or uncertainty, do not walk away from the questions. Write down the specific doubts or objections you are carrying and bring them to a trusted pastor, mentor, or friend who can walk through them with you honestly.
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Closing Prayer

Close your time together by praying for one another in three specific ways:

1. For those who are still exploring or doubting, pray that God would grant them clarity and courage to keep seeking.
2. For those who believe, pray for a renewed sense of conviction and urgency to live out and share their faith.
3. For the specific people in each group member's life who do not yet know Jesus, pray by name if possible.