

Who is Jesus?



**STONEBRIDGE
CHURCH OF GOD**

**HONK IF YOU LOVE
JESUS TEXT
WHILE DRIVING IF YOU
WANT TO MEET HIM**

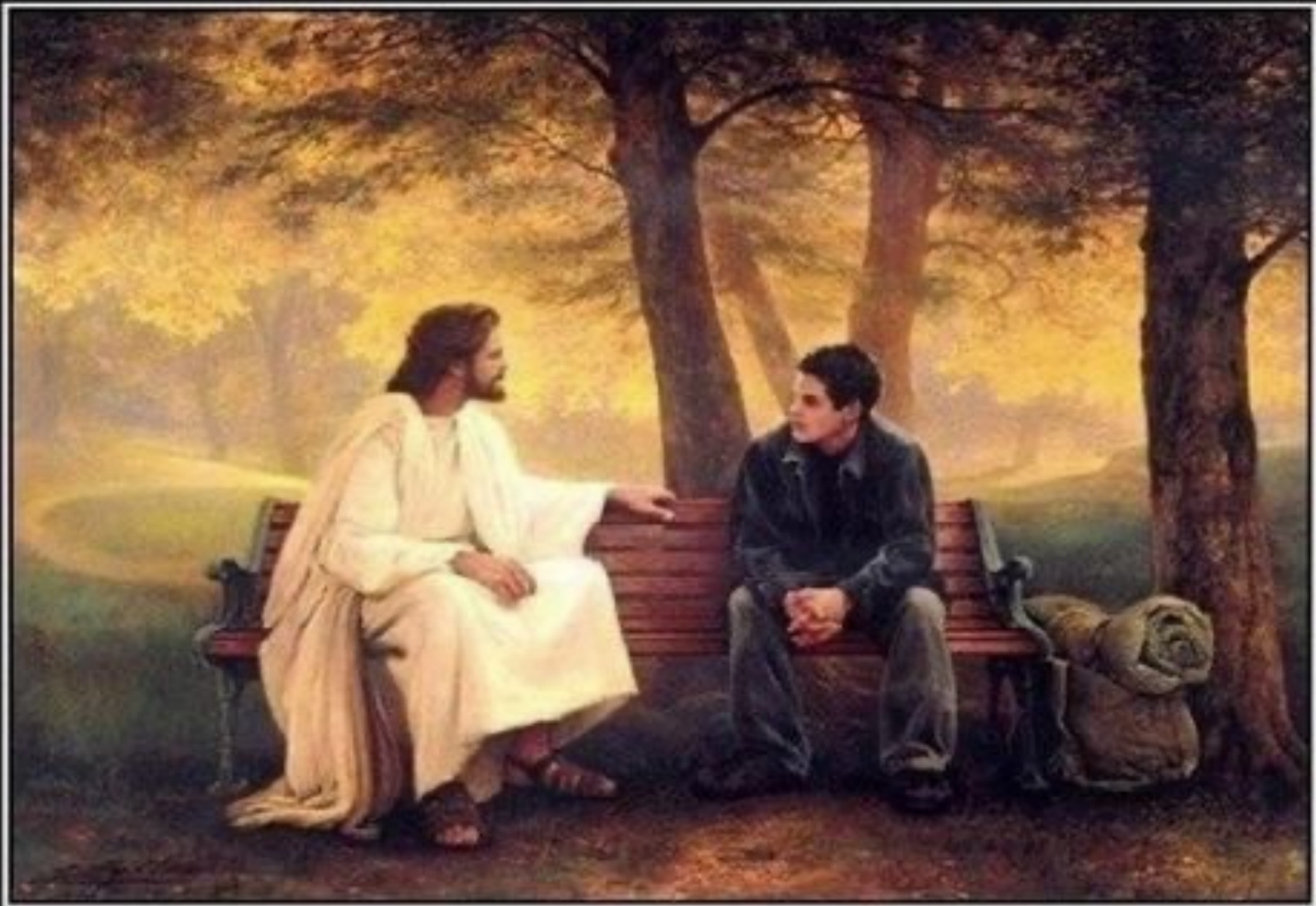
**SUN. SCHOOL
10:00 AM**

**SUN. WORSHIP
11:00 AM & 6:00 PM**

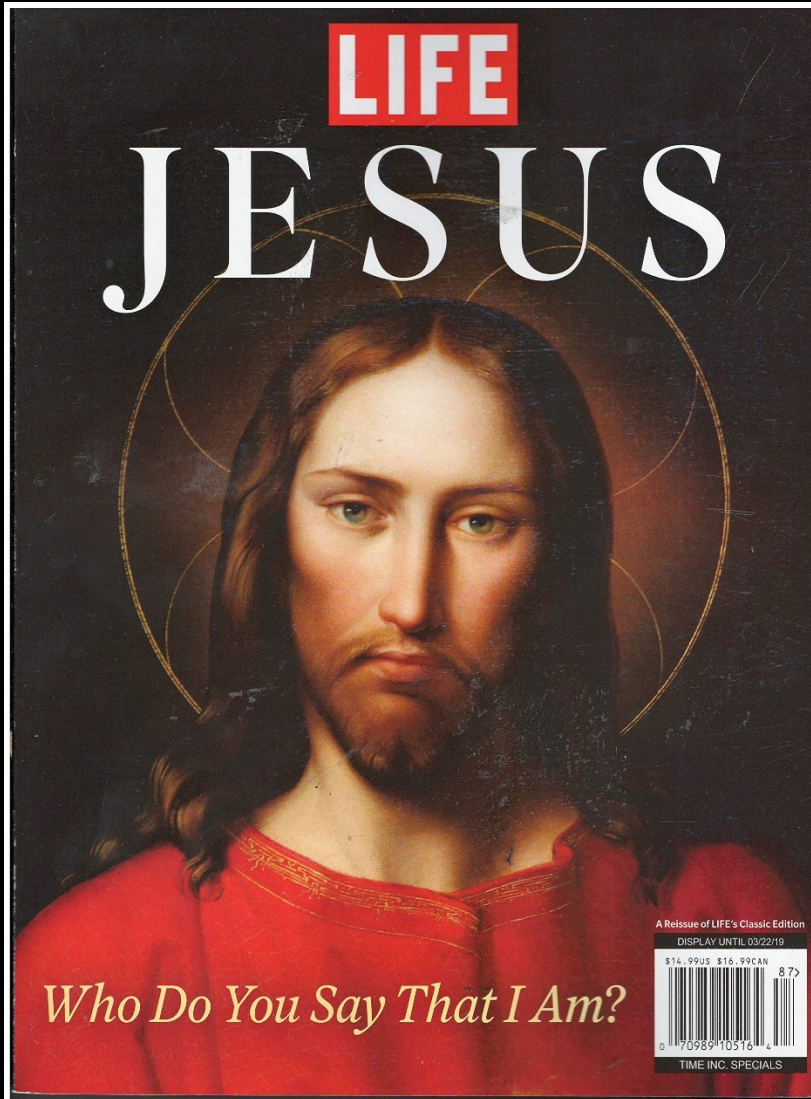
**WED.
7:00 PM**

Pastor Floyd Ingram

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"No, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT TWITTER.
I LITERALLY WANT YOU TO FOLLOW ME."



**“The most
persistent
symbol of purity,
selflessness and
love in the history
of Western
humanity.”**
Time Magazine 2017

2019

Jesus: His Impact on the World



“Between Him and every person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I have founded empires. But on what did we establish our empires?” Upon force. Jesus Christ founded His empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for him.”

Napoleon Bonaparte

Historical Evidence

“Now, there was about this time Jesus, a wise man — if it is lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles.”

Jewish Historian Josephus (37-100 A.D.)

Scholarly Evidence

"We do know some things about the historical Jesus — less than some Christians think, but more than some skeptics think."

"Though a few books have recently argued that Jesus never existed, the evidence that he did is persuasive to the vast majority of scholars, whether Christian or non-Christian."

Marcus Borg, a preeminent Biblical scholar, author and retired professor of religion and culture at Oregon State University.

Textual Evidence

Years between original and oldest copy

Herodotus

1300

Caesar's Gallic War

950

Livy's Roman History

900

30

**New Testament (over
24,000 copies)**

Jesus: The center of the Sacred Text

“In the Old Testament the New Testament is concealed, in the New Testament the Old Testament is revealed”

St. Augustine

Old Testament

Over 400 prophecies, appearances, or foreshadowings of Jesus

New Testament

Jesus is mentioned 972 times

Evidence: The Resurrection/His divinity

- Empty tomb
- His appearances and the immediate response from His followers – “my God and my Lord” (Doubting Thomas)
- He appeared to more than 500 people
- The change in direction of the disciples
- Christian experience through history – the continual presence of the risen Christ within individual lives until now

Claims about Himself

Jesus answered, "If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him. Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father".

John 14:7

"I am the resurrection and the life"

John 11:25

"I and the Father are one."

John 10:30

"We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

John 10:33

Claims about Himself cont.

“A man who was merely a man, and said the sort of things Jesus said, wouldn't be a great moral teacher. He would either be insane; or else he would be the devil of hell.

You must make your choice. Either this man was and is the Son of God, or else insane or something worse. But let us not come up with any patronizing nonsense about his being ‘a great human teacher.’

He hasn't left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

C. S. Lewis – Mere Christianity

CLAIMED

BELIEVED

REALITY

Conclusion



"I am God"



"I'm not God"



He's not

Liar



"I am God"



"I am God"



He's not

Lunatic



"I am God"



"I am God"



HE IS GOD

LORD

I am

**the way, the truth,
and the life**

John 14:6

I am the way (beauty)

- **Ushered into the world a beautiful new way...The Kingdom of God**
- **New values and priorities, counter-cultural**
- **Reconciled a way to restore man to God**
- **Affirmation of our purpose and meaning**
- **Confirmed as sons and daughters in His new community – His Church**
- **Reveals His role in His beautiful creation**

I am the truth (truth)

- His teaching and presence revealed the true nature of God, the source of all reality.
- His teaching and presence revealed what it means to be fully human.
- Through Him we gain wisdom, counsel, understanding and knowledge.
- Through Him truth arranges our lives towards being re-ordered, re-integrated, re-aligned.

I am the life (goodness)

- Jesus taught, proclaimed and healed
- Jesus demonstrated compassion and mercy on the marginalized and forgotten.
- Jesus modeled the virtuous life, that which is good with profound wisdom
- *Jesus brings purpose of life – love, joy and peace*
- Jesus went around doing good

JESUS: HOUND OF HEAVEN



Questions for discussion

Who is Jesus?

- What stood out most to you in this talk?
- What did you learn tonight that was new to you?
- Reflecting on the story of the Prodigal, where do you see yourself in the story?
- Is there anything that was said that is actionable for you?
- How do you normally engage matters that are spiritual? Truth, Beauty or Goodness?