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MESSAGE Six

Why Jesus?

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Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6 NIV). That bold assertion flies in the face of our buffet mentality regarding religion. One of initial followers (Peter) said, "There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12, NLT).

Today, let's explore the question...Why Jesus? We will do this by looking at three questions Jesus asked.

WHO DO THE CROWDS SAY THAT I AM?

Luke 9:18, *One time when Jesus was off praying by himself, his disciples nearby, he asked them, "What are the crowds saying about me, about who I am?"* (Msg)

What's the conventional wisdom about Jesus in modern society?

Religious Leader

Man of Wisdom

Magician

Legendary Figure

Prophet

Moral Teacher

Mystic Thinker

Cultural Revolutionary

Controversial Figure

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WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

Luke 9:20, Then Jesus asked, "But who do you say I am?" (NCV)

Ultimately, each of us has to answer for ourselves.

All religious worldviews are implicitly **exclusive**.

They ask the same questions, but arrive at different conclusions.

How is Jesus different?

He claimed to be **God**.

He claimed to be the source of **eternal life**.

He died as an **atonement** for humanity's sin.

He **rose from the dead**.

Jesus was either a **liar**, a **lunatic**, a **legend**, or **Lord**.

The credible historical documents

The eyewitness accounts

The voices of the martyrs

WHAT WILL YOU GAIN...IF YOU DESTROY YOURSELF?

Luke 9:25, *What will you gain, if you own the whole world but destroy yourself or waste your life?* (CEV)

Jesus was challenging our **focus** and our **priorities**.

Ultimately, every philosophy or worldview must wrestle with the issue of death.

Each day, all of us move closer to the end of our lives.

What will matter most at that point?

The unique message of Jesus...

Others: **Do** Jesus: **DONE**