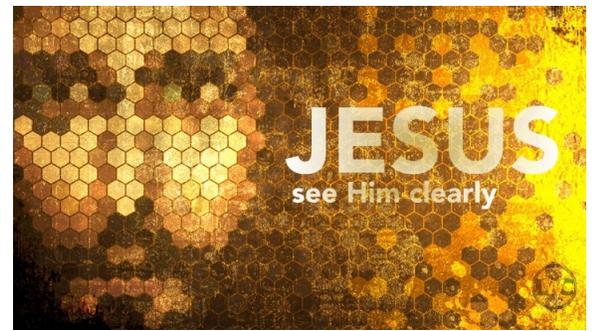




Living Water  
Church

Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide  
or personal devotional guide



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## God Man or Good Man?

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**Introduction:** There are many opinions about Jesus. Some say he was a good man, some say he was an enlightened man, some say he was a prophet, and Christians say he is God. Our view on Jesus is what separates the Christian faith from all other religions.

**Text: Col. 2:8-9**

**Discussion:**

1. Have you ever had someone knock on your door, or approach you at work or school, to discuss religion? Did they ask you questions about your thoughts on Jesus? How did you respond? Have you ever been confused in trying to explain to someone who Jesus is? Discuss or write down your thoughts.
2. Read John 1:1,14 & 1 John 1:1-2 Who is the "Word?" explain your answer.
3. What would be characteristics of a "good man?" Would deception and lies be characteristics? Why, if Jesus is not God, can he also not be considered a good man?
4. Isaiah 7:14 prophesied that God would be born of a virgin. The virgin birth (Luke 2:34-35) is a fundamental truth for Christians due to at least two facts: a. Jesus is eternally God and did not come into existence at birth b. Jesus had a sinless nature. Write/discuss the importance of this truth.
5. Read Hebrews 1:8—Who declares Jesus as God?
6. Read Titus 2:13 and 1 John 5:20—Who declares Jesus as God
7. Read Matthew 26:63-65 & John 10:30-33 What is Jesus claiming? Look up and find other scriptures where Jesus claims deity.
8. Jesus claimed to be without sin and had the power to forgive sin. Who can make that claim? What is the significance of Jesus being sinless?
9. The disciples who saw Jesus after the resurrection worshipped him as God. Thomas declared, "My Lord and My God." Discuss the power of this statement.
10. If someone were to ask you if Jesus is God—how would you respond? Find three scripture text that back your belief.

**Think About it:**

Jesus is more than a good man. He is in fact the God man. We live in a culture that denies this fact and refuses to recognize Jesus as the true God. Jesus was persecuted and eventually crucified. The apostles were persecuted and most of them were killed as well. Jesus said that the slave is not above his master, if they hate me they will hate you. The next time you read or hear the media mock and ridicule believers—know that you are in good company. The devil does not want to see people recognize Jesus as God. It is an exclusive claim, but it is a truth claim.

**Moving Forward:**

This week walk with the intentional focus recognizing Jesus as God. If Jesus is my Lord and my God, then that means that he is God over every part of my life. He is God over my marriage, my kids, my finances, my sexuality, my entertainment, my work, etc. Take time to pray. Recognize His authority over your life and commit your life to honor Him. Write down any area of your life in which Jesus does not reign as God, and repent and begin submitting to Jesus.