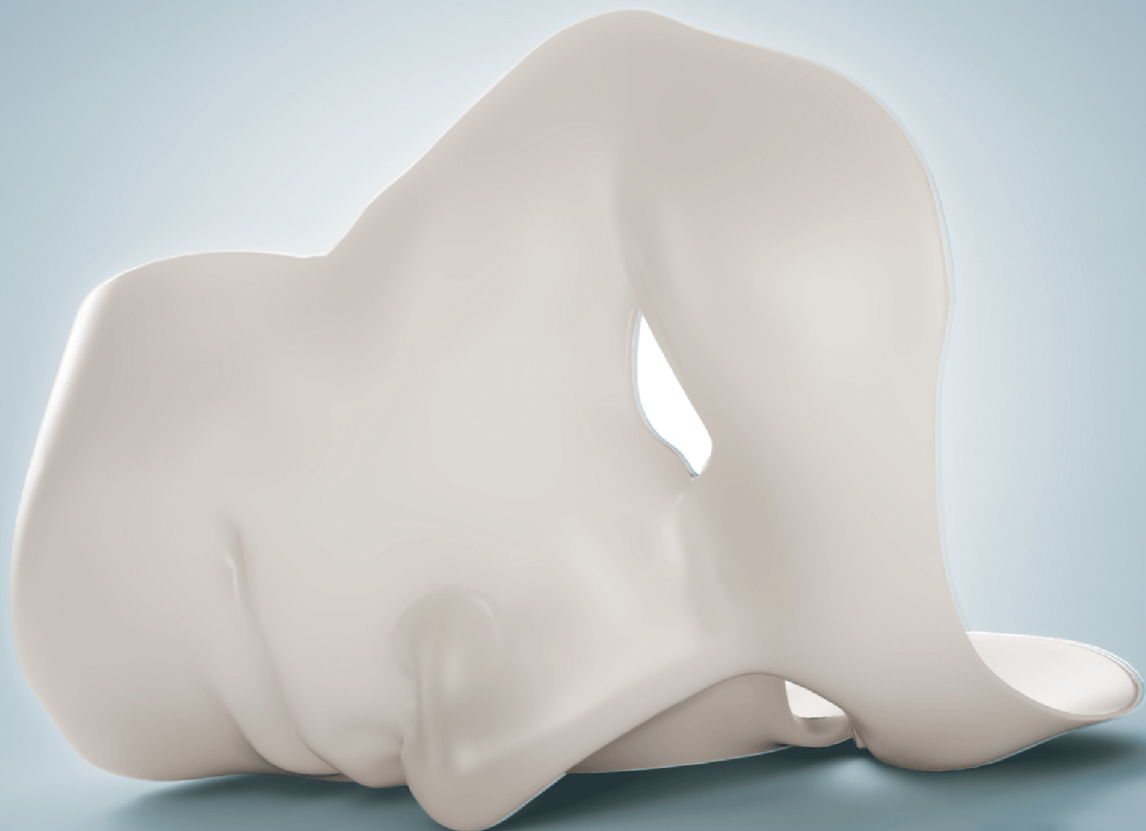


# Jesus Unmasked

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# Message From Todd

The world never seems to tire of putting masks on Jesus Christ. Unbelievers and skeptics put on disguises that read: good teacher, great example, a philosopher, just a man, an enlightened guru, liberal, and an endless litany of unbiblical descriptions. Prepare to have these masks ripped off Jesus and see Him for who He truly is: the long expected Son of God.

You are going to see the real Jesus as you study Him throughout the Old Testament. You will also see the amazing continuity of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. We do not have two books that describe a rather crabby God in the Old Testament who got a little nicer in the New Testament. We have one book preeminently about one subject: Jesus Christ.

Jesus does not make His first entrance on the world's largest stage in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus is first revealed in the Bible in Genesis 1:1, and He makes dramatic guest appearances in each and every book of the Old Testament (Luke 24:27). You are about to see that Jesus, unmasked, in every book in the Bible as you embark on a classic study of Typology (the study of types and shadows). When you are done, you will never read your Bible the same way again, and you will forever be convinced that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man.



# Using This Guide

This guide has been created to help you get the most out of the book *Jesus Unmasked*. Here are some suggestions on how to maximize your time with this study:

- Read the appropriate chapters in the book BEFORE each lesson. You will get the most out of this study if you dive into the book itself. It is suggested that participants have a copy of the book, *Jesus Unmasked*, prior to beginning the study.
- After reading the appropriate chapter(s), answer the questions found in this guide. Most questions will reference material found in the book (page numbers have been provided for your reference). However, there are some questions that require you to reference Strong's Concordance. Access to this may be found here: <https://biblehub.com/strongs.htm>.
- Some lessons may be completed quicker than others. If you are unable to get through a lesson in one sitting, don't worry. You will still get a lot out of the class. I promise.
- Pray before and after each class based on the Bible verses and content of the chapter(s) covered. If you have time, you will find it helpful to write out your prayers in advance. The more you load your prayers with Bible truths, the more powerful your prayers will be.



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# Chapter 1 & 2

## Who Is This Man?

"He performed miracles, wonder, and signs, as a man in right relationship to God...not as God. If He performed miracles because He was God, then they would be unattainable for us."

- Bill Johnson

# Who Is This Man?

1. After reading pages 18 and 19 of *Jesus Unmasked*, what are the three things that made Jesus stand out in Israel?

ANSWER

2. How were Jesus's healings different from a contemporary televangelist? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 18)

ANSWER

3. Read Luke 4:40 (page 18, *Jesus Unmasked*), then look up Strong's Greek 770 and write out what you learn about the word "sick."

ANSWER

4. Also from Luke 4:40, look up Strong's Greek 2323, and write out what you learn about the word "healing."

ANSWER

5. Israel had not seen such miraculous healings since the Old Testament time of Elisha/Elijah. Upon seeing these healings, what should have been the response from the people of Israel?

ANSWER

6. Read page 18 of *Jesus Unmasked*. Jesus proclaimed to a paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven. (Luke 5:20) Why was this scandalous?

ANSWER

7. On page 19 of *Jesus Unmasked*, read Matthew 7:28–29. The word “amazed” means more than what we think it means in current English. Look up Strong’s Greek 1605, *ekplesso*, and write down what you learn about this word.

ANSWER

8. What did you learn about the behavior of Jesus among His followers? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 19)

ANSWER

9. How did the Jews know a Messiah was coming? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 21)

ANSWER

10. On page 21 of *Jesus Unmasked*, what kind of Messiah were many waiting for?

ANSWER

11. Based on the quality and quantity of Jesus’s miracles, why were the Jews confused about who Jesus was? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 21–22)

ANSWER

12. There were three questions asked of Jesus during His last two days on earth. What were they? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 22)

ANSWER

13. How do we know that the Old Testament books prophecy about Jesus? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 23-24)

ANSWER

14. How can we know that the Bible is true? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 24)

ANSWER

15. How can we prove that God “lives in the Bible”? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 24)

ANSWER

16. If the Bible were written over the course of 1500 years by forty different authors, what should we expect to see? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 25)

ANSWER

17. Instead, we see a consistent and unmistakable theme. What is that theme? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 25)

ANSWER

It is our prayer that this study will help you take the same walk as the disciples, on the road to Emmaus, as Jesus explained to them that the Old Testament was written about Him.



# Chapter 3

## Big, Fancy Words

"What was God doing before the divine creation? Was he preparing hell for people who asked such questions?"

- Stephen Hawking

# Big, Fancy Words

In order to maximize our walk to Emmaus, we need to review some big theological terms.

1. What does Supralapsarianism mean? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 28)

ANSWER

2. What are the three great philosophical questions that every philosopher and non-philosopher alike has pondered? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 28)

ANSWER

3. How does Supralapsarianism answer these questions? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 28)

ANSWER

4. How is the Bible God's history book? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 28)

ANSWER

History doesn't happen overnight; it takes time. As hindsight observers, we tend to forget about time as we read the Bible. God chose to reveal his story over time and little by little.

5. What term from page 28 of *Jesus Unmasked* describes this slow progression of God's revealed plan?

ANSWER

6. What clause in Galatians 4:4–5 best describes progressive revelation? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 29)

ANSWER

7. In Mark 1:15, we see a similar clause. What is it? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 29)

ANSWER

8. We know that the Old Testament progressively led to a culmination in Jesus. What does the New Testament point to? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 29)

ANSWER

9. In order for God to progressively reveal His plan of salvation, he chose to use prophecy and typology. What is typology? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 30)

ANSWER

10. What does John 5:39 say about typology? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 30)

ANSWER

11. If shadows are not the real object, what are they? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 30)

ANSWER

12. In the Old Testament, God shares accounts that are shadowy pictures (or types) of the real thing. The real thing is Jesus. These types can take different forms. List the forms of shadows in the Old Testament. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 30)

ANSWER

13. What are some examples of shadowy pictures of Jesus? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 30)

ANSWER

God did not choose to send Jesus right after man fell into sin. God chose to place Jesus in a historical context.

14. We see five elements that tie Jesus to history. What are they? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 31)

ANSWER

15. Why is it important that Jesus was established in these five historical elements? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 31)

ANSWER

As we continue in this study guide, you will begin to see the types and shadows—the fuzzy Old Testament pictures made clear in the person of Jesus Christ. May the amazing consistency and prophetic nature of the Bible help you to recognize the true, unmasked Jesus.

# Chapter 4

## Mask: Jesus Was Just a Man

"Jesus of Nazareth did not refer to himself as the Messiah, nor did he claim to be a divine being who descended to earth from heaven in order to die as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. These are claims that some people in the early church made about Jesus, not claims he made about himself."

- Jesus Seminar



# Mask: Jesus Was Just a Man

## INTRODUCTION

The evidence for Jesus's existence is undeniable. However, there are people who attempt to justify their denial of Jesus's divinity by putting a human mask on Him. This mask says that a man named Jesus actually walked the earth and was a notable citizen who made an impact on mankind in some way, but that Jesus is no more important than the next guy.

## REMOVING THE MASK

The claim that Jesus was a mere mortal runs straight into the wall of Biblical truth. Jesus Himself set the record straight. Jesus insisted He was more than a mere man; he was the Redeemer promised in the Old Testament. The record of Jesus does not begin with the New Testament; He is announced in Genesis 3:15.

1. Based on Chapter 4 of *Jesus Unmasked*, would you say that the rescue mission of Jesus Christ was Plan A or Plan B? Explain.

## ANSWER

2. Why did man need redeeming? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 33–34)

## ANSWER

3. We see man's first attempt to rectify his situation by his own efforts. What did that look like? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 34)

## ANSWER

4. Was this man-made attempt to remedy their sinful situation acceptable to God?

## ANSWER

5. Since man's attempt was not sufficient, what did God do? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 34)

#### ANSWER

Substitutionary atonement is one of the pillars of the Jewish religion and is woven throughout the Old Testament. Substitutionary death was the heart of the sacrificial system instituted in the Mosaic covenant. God was giving a clear message: death always follows sin, and atonement for sin was not available without a blood sacrifice.

Because an animal cannot atone for the sins of humans, the sacrificed animal didn't actually atone for sin. It was a picture of the necessity of a perfect human substitute to take the place of sinners and bear God's wrath. The animal sacrifice was a foreshadowing of the perfect Lamb to come who would actually forgive sins.

6. God proclaimed a curse on all creation due to man's rebellion, but God also made a promise. What was it? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 34)

#### ANSWER

7. What is the name of this first Gospel promise? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 34)

#### ANSWER

8. God offered good news immediately after He pronounced man's sentence. According to pages 34-35 in *Jesus Unmasked*, what are the five lessons to be learned from this?

#### ANSWER

9. What do we learn about sacrifices when reading the historical account of Cain and Abel? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 35)

ANSWER

10. Why was the sacrifice of Isaac suspended? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 36)

ANSWER

11. We see another lamb slaughtered in Exodus 12. What did we learn about this lamb? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 37)

ANSWER

12. How does this correlate to Jesus? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 37)

ANSWER

13. How was Jesus a better lamb sacrifice? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 38)

ANSWER

14. Why was all this shedding of blood necessary? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 38)

ANSWER

15. Why is the blood of a lamb insufficient to forgive sin? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 38)

ANSWER

So if the blood of bulls and goats are insufficient to forgive eternal sin, will God provide a better means? Read Jeremiah 31:34 and Isaiah 53:1–8. (*Jesus Unmasked* Page 38–39)

16. According to Jeremiah 31:34, the new covenant is different. What makes it different?

ANSWER

Let's take some time now to go deeper into Isaiah 53:1–9. This is the clearest revelation of Christ in the Old Testament. Sometimes it has been referred to as the gospel according to Isaiah.

Teacher/Leader, the following questions are not found in *Jesus Unmasked*. They are general Bible study questions.

17. How did Isaiah describe a man who was brutally killed?

ANSWER

18. Isaiah 53:2 is a stark contrast to the Jewish misconception of their promised Messiah. How?

ANSWER

19. Do a word search on “despised” (Strong’s Hebrew 959) and “forsaken” (Strong’s Hebrew 2310) in Isaiah 53:3. In what ways did Jesus fulfill this prophecy?

**ANSWER**

20. Who is Isaiah talking about in Isaiah 53:4?

**ANSWER**

21. How does Acts 8:26–38 verify that Jesus is the suffering servant of Isaiah 53?

**ANSWER**

22. Isaiah 53:4 says, “Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.” What is he saying about the Jews?

**ANSWER**

23. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 4:15, and 1 Peter 2:22. Did Jesus sin?

**ANSWER**

24. What does Isaiah 53:5 describe?

**ANSWER**



25. How does Isaiah 53:5 relate to 1 Peter 2:24?

ANSWER

26. How does the first part of Isaiah 53:6 describe unregenerate man's behavior?

ANSWER

27. What could God have done to us as a consequence for our transgressions and iniquities? What did he do instead? (Isaiah 53:6)

ANSWER

28. Do a word search on "oppressed" (Strong's Hebrew 5065) and "afflicted" (Strong's Hebrew 6031) from Isaiah 53:7, and write out what you learned.

ANSWER

29. How do we see Isaiah 53:7 in Matthew 26:62–63, Mark 15:4–5, Luke 23:9, and 1 Peter 1:23?

ANSWER

30. In Isaiah 53:8, the prophet asks a question: "Who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due?" As you pondered this, what did you learn?

ANSWER

31. Isaiah 53:10 is the conclusion to the description of a murdered Messiah. It states that the Lord was “pleased to crush Him.” Why did it please God to crush His Son?

- A. He is sadistic.
- B. To entertain the angels.
- C. To resolve the tension between the Father’s love for his glory and his love for sinners.
- D. He did not love Jesus.

## ANSWER

Consider all that you have just studied.

- 1. Blood was instituted as the needed sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins in the opening chapters of the Bible.
- 2. Lamb sacrifices were merely a picture of the need for God to provide a better lamb sacrifice.
- 3. A perfect, sinless, divine representative for humans was the only sufficient sacrifice that could appease the wrath of God for sinful man.
- 4. There were multiple examples of lamb sacrifices for the covering of sins (Abel, Isaac, Passover, the Mosaic sacrificial system).
- 5. Isaiah 53 predicts the suffering of Jesus in great detail 700 years before Jesus lived.

So, do you agree that Jesus was just a good man?

# Chapter 5

## Jesus Didn't Exist

"There are clearly good reasons to doubt Jesus' historical existence - if not to think it outright improbable."

- Raphael Lataster

*There Was No Jesus, There Is No God*

# Mask: Jesus Didn't Exist

## INTRODUCTION

Despite mountains of evidence to the contrary, some atheists actually claim that Jesus never existed. Even *The Washington Post* ran this headline: “Did historical Jesus really exist? The evidence just doesn’t add up.”

As we study the scarlet thread in the New Testament, ask yourself the question: Could the story of Jesus really be a man-made fabrication?

## REMOVING THE MASK

1. In Chapter 5 of *Jesus Unmasked*, we see John the Baptist make a proclamation about Jesus. What was it? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 41)

## ANSWER

2. Why is this important? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 42)

## ANSWER

3. During the Passover meal, the Jews would eat an unblemished lamb and drink wine four different times. The third cup of wine was a toast to the lamb whose blood had been shed that day for the covering of their sins. During Jesus’s last Passover meal, what did Jesus say about the lamb and this third cup of wine? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 43)

## ANSWER

4. What was Jesus initiating at His last Passover meal? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 43)

ANSWER

5. Read the following: Mark 10:45, 1 Timothy 2:5–6, Ephesians 1:7, 1 John 4:9–10, and Romans 3:23–24. What does Jesus's body and blood represent?

ANSWER

6. Read Hebrews 9:11–15 and page 43 of *Jesus Unmasked*. What do we learn about Jesus in these verses? Write your insights below.

ANSWER

7. What will the lamb be doing in the future? (*Jesus Unmasked*, pages 44–49)

ANSWER

Jesus is not a mere man. Jesus is the “he” of Genesis 3:15, the perfect blood sacrifice greater than all the memorial lambs of every Passover. He is the source of forgiveness and righteousness promised by Jeremiah.

With this in mind, answer the following questions:

Was Jesus a mere mortal, or was He a divine sacrifice for the sins of His people?

How could a mere mortal fulfill all of these prophecies?

8. As we have seen in the scarlet thread of history, Jesus is not only the lamb that takes away the sin of the world; He is the fulfillment of the Jewish religion, the promised blessing of the Abrahamic covenant, and the eternal Lamb of Revelation. Can one honestly say that this was a story concocted by man?

### ANSWER

Do you think the critic who claims Jesus didn't exist is actually a biblical scholar? Atheist Bart Ehrman admits this in his book, *Did Jesus Exist?*

I should say at the outset that none of this (skeptical) literature is written by scholars trained in New Testament or early Christian studies teaching at the major, or even the minor, accredited theological seminaries, divinity schools, universities, or colleges of North America or Europe (or anywhere else in the world). Of the thousands of scholars of early Christianity who do teach at such schools, none of them, to my knowledge, has any doubts that Jesus existed. But a whole body of literature out there, some of it highly intelligent and well informed, makes this case.

That pretty much sums it up.

### FURTHER STUDY

9. Jesus is the perfect God-man: 100% God, 100% man. Jesus was not a 50/50 mix. Why is this formula crucial?

### ANSWER

10. Can the fallen devils be forgiven? Why or why not?

### ANSWER

# Chapter 6

## Jesus Is My Bellhop

"Poverty is from the devil. God wants all Christians prosperous."  
- Benny Hinn

# Jesus Is My Bellhop

## INTRODUCTION

The prosperity wolves rule most Christian cable TV networks. Their pitch? You say it, and Jesus will do it. Talk about the tail wagging the dog. Nevertheless, this mask is firmly in place in the minds of millions. Does this understanding of Jesus hold up?

## REMOVING THE MASK

1. Chapter 6 of *Jesus Unmasked* begins by describing the extent and effect of sin on the earth. In your own words, describe what man's sinful state was like according to Genesis 6:5–6.

## ANSWER

2. What do we learn about our natures from Genesis 6:5? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 52)

## ANSWER

3. What does it mean that God was “sorry” he had made man on the earth? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 52)

## ANSWER

4. What does it mean that God has emotions, but He's not emotional? (*Jesus Unmasked* pages 52–53)

## ANSWER



5. On page 53 of *Jesus Unmasked*, we are given a fuller description of sin. What is it?

ANSWER

6. What is man's natural state and why? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 54)

ANSWER

7. Looking at the list at the bottom of page 54 of *Jesus Unmasked*, are you convinced of your sin nature? If not, why not?

ANSWER

8. What is the reward for our sinful actions? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 55)

ANSWER

9. Why is Hell a just judgment for sin? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 55)

ANSWER

10. What is natural man's inclination toward God? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 56)

ANSWER

11. What is God's response to our natural inclination? (Romans 2:5–11; *Jesus Unmasked* page 57)

ANSWER

12. In today's culture, to judge is to be mean. Why does God judge? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 57)

ANSWER

13. How does our legal system mirror God's? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 57–58)

ANSWER

14. We must give an answer to God for our willful rebellion against Him. Do sinners have a chance of receiving leniency?

ANSWER

15. Thankfully, we are introduced to another attribute of God that gives us hope. What is it? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 58)

ANSWER

16. Look up 1 John 4:8. What type of love is God?

ANSWER

17. Do a word study on *agape* (Strong's Greek 26), and write out the definition.

ANSWER

18. What is the difference between being valuable and being valued? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 58–59)

ANSWER

God is perfect and can't turn a blind eye to sin, yet He loves us and seeks to save us. God's attributes of love and justice collide and are reconciled at the cross. Thousands of years before the cross, the Bible records another collision of justice and mercy: Noah's ark (Genesis 6:7-14). The ark is a shadowy picture of Jesus Christ.

19. What were the two things God commanded Noah to do to escape His wrath? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 60)

**ANSWER**

20. How long did Noah preach repentance? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 60)

**ANSWER**

21. Do you see God's long-suffering and patience in this? Would you have that much patience with people who hate you?

**ANSWER**

22. How many people were converted by Noah's preaching? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 60)

**ANSWER**

23. When the time came, God gathered Noah's family and the animals into the Ark and closed the door behind them. Can you think of ways that the Ark and God's provision of rescue is a Christ type? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 61)

**ANSWER**

Teacher/Leader, the following question is not found in *Jesus Unmasked*. It is a general Bible study question.

24. Do you realize there are three arks in the Old Testament that provided or symbolized safety, protection, and rescue? Name the three arks.

ANSWER

Noah's ark was covered with pitch inside and out (Genesis 6:14). This made the ark waterproof.

25. What is the Hebrew word for "pitch," and what is its meaning? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 61)

ANSWER

The one exception to the seventy uses of *Kaphar* in Scripture is used in Genesis 6. Sixty nine times *kaphar* means atonement, but in Genesis it was used to refer to the substance which covers the ark inside and out. *Kaphar* is the word to describe the pitch used on the ark to keep out the waters of judgment; in other words, the pitch was an atonement.

26. What is the New Testament translation for pitch? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 61)

ANSWER

27. What does 1 John 2:1–2 say about propitiation?

ANSWER

28. How did Noah, his family, and the animals enter the boat? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 62)

ANSWER

29. Do you recall anything else in the Old Testament that had only one door? (Exodus 26:36–37)

**ANSWER**

30. What significance does “one door” hold? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 62)

**ANSWER**

31. Will sincerity or devotion to another door help on the Day of Judgment? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 62)

**ANSWER**

In this chapter, we began by looking at the bellhop mask of Jesus who is always available to answer our every whim and fancy. Instead, we have seen that Jesus is the ark of our salvation and our propitiation who appeases the wrath of God and saves us from the judgment to come. Jesus is also the only door that we must enter if we will be saved. Does that sound like a hotel bellhop waiting to fulfill our fickle fancies?

# Chapter 7

## Jesus Is My Vending Machine

"God wants us to prosper financially, to have plenty of money, to fulfill the destiny He has laid out for us."

- Joel Olsteen

# Jesus Is My Vending Machine

## INTRODUCTION

While “Name it and claim it” teachers would never claim that Jesus is a cosmic vending machine, that is the mask they place on Jesus when they claim He will fill all our physical and financial requests. While God most certainly provides everything we own, the gospel is a far grander offer. As we study more, ask yourself, “Was God’s plan of salvation about spiritual prosperity or financial prosperity?”

## REMOVING THE MASK

1. What is the Promised Land? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 66)

### ANSWER

2. Have the Jews always inhabited the land?

### ANSWER

3. What is the significance of 1948?

### ANSWER

4. Why is the Jewish nation a supernatural proof that God exists?

### ANSWER

5. On page 67 of *Jesus Unmasked*, how did the Jewish people behave during their march to the Promised Land?

### ANSWER

Read Exodus 15:22–26, and answer the following questions:

The Children of Israel had just left the shores of the Red Sea after much jubilation and singing to God who delivered them from death and Pharaoh. Upon leaving the Red Sea, they sojourned three days into the wilderness without water.

It is here at Marah that they had bitter water to drink and began to grumble to Moses. This was the first trial they faced, having quickly forgotten the manifold miracles God performed and how He was their God!

6. What did God provide for them?

**ANSWER**

7. What do we learn about God in verse 26?

**ANSWER**

8. Was this before or after Mt. Sinai?

**ANSWER**

9. What might God have been doing with this trial and admonishment?

**ANSWER**

10. God had freed them from the harsh treatment from the cruel taskmasters of Egypt, yet He wanted them to know they were not their own masters. The Jews were the possession of God. He was revealing to them what He expected of them. What did God call Himself in verse 26?

**ANSWER**



11. Why was this important?

ANSWER

12. Soon after their encampment at Marah, the Children of Israel were in the wilderness of Sin. On page 68 of *Jesus Unmasked*, what common situation were they in again?

ANSWER

13. What was their reaction this time?

- A. They sang Oceans seventeen times.
- B. They dug a well.
- C. They quarreled with Moses.
- D. They politely petitioned Moses to ask God to provide for them.

ANSWER

This time around, the Children of Israel's complaints were more forceful and sinful. They were discontent and angry, distrustful of God. This was not a humble pleading, but a demanding accusation that revealed their lack of faith.

14. How does verse 3 shed light on their demands?

ANSWER

15. According to Moses in verse 4, how far did he fear this would go?

ANSWER

16. What is the Hebrew word for "quarrel," and what is its meaning? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 68)

ANSWER

17. What were the Children of Israel doing? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 68)

ANSWER

18. Who was their lawsuit really against?

ANSWER

19. God responded to their lawsuit and created a courtroom. In Exodus 17:6–8, we see God instructing Moses and the elders to stand before the accusers and serve as the judges and witnesses of this lawsuit. What role did Moses's rod play in the courtroom? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 68)

ANSWER

20. What was God submitting to when His presence was on the rock? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 68)

ANSWER

21. In the Old Testament, the accused criminal would stand before God's representatives. Who is the accused criminal in our wilderness courtroom drama? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 69)

ANSWER

As God stood there on the rock before Moses, the elders, and the accusers of Israel, the rock was struck, and life-giving water gushed from it for the people to drink.

22. God was identified with the rock by standing on it. God stood in the place of the accused and took the penalty they deserved. Who was the actual guilty party? Was God guilty? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 69)

ANSWER

If God's chosen people were to be spared in the wilderness, God had to bear their punishment.

23. Who does Paul tell us in 1 Corinthians the rock was? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 70)

ANSWER

Jesus, the innocent, stands in the place of His guilty accusers that they might be found innocent.

24. What was the trial at Meribah really about? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 70)

ANSWER

25. This happened before the giving of the Mosaic Law at Mt. Sinai in Exodus 19–20. This was an example of God showing His people a picture of the gospel. He demonstrated that guilty people need Him to pay the fine for their law-breaking. God showed them a picture of His amazing grace. Did the Jews understand grace? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 70)

ANSWER

We started this chapter with the false and shallow claim by many (both Christians and non-Christians), believing that Jesus is their vending machine dispensing whatever a la carte item they desire. The study of Jesus, the rock in the wilderness, was a physical picture of our greater spiritual need.

Jesus volunteered to become sin that we might become the righteousness of God. That is a much greater role than a cosmic vending machine. We hope this study of the typology of Christ being the rock at Meribah equips you to share the truth that Christ does indeed supply and provide for our most dire need: salvation!

# Chapter 8

## Jesus Was a Dispenser of Morals

"He was a very good man; a great  
moral philosopher."

- Richard Dawkins

# Jesus Was A Dispenser of Morals

## INTRODUCTION

Countless atheists claim that Jesus was merely a good man who taught selflessness, love, charity, hugs, cuddles, rainbows, and anything else that is warm and fuzzy.

This classic, oft-heard claim is so overused that even Goodwill would throw it out. As we study the Living Water of the Bible, we will see that Jesus was far more than a teacher of morality.

## REMOVING THE MASK

Read: John 4:7–26

Aside from the obvious cultural and religious taboos that Jesus was breaking (a man publicly speaking with a woman; a rabbi speaking with a woman/prostitute; a Jew speaking with a Samaritan; a Jew touching/drinking/using a Samaritan cup), there were theological and evangelistic goals Jesus sought to accomplish.

1. Jesus turned His request for physical water into her need for spiritual water. What did Jesus call Himself in this exchange?

## ANSWER

2. What is the significance of living water? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 74 and Jeremiah 2:13, Zechariah 14:8, Isaiah 55:1)

## ANSWER

3. From *Jesus Unmasked*, what is the difference between water from broken cisterns and living water? (Page 74)

## ANSWER

Conversely, living water is cool, refreshing, and limitless.

4. What was Jesus saying by alluding to the prophet Jeremiah? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 74)

ANSWER

5. What was Jesus trying to communicate to the Samaritan woman by mentioning her past husbands? (John 4:17–18)

ANSWER

6. The Samaritan woman asks what appears to be a complete non sequitur in an effort to change the subject. This is a typical response from sinners who would prefer to hide their sin rather than confront it. Do you think she was suggesting that her transgressions were forgiven because she pointed to her religious system?

ANSWER

7. In John 4:20, the woman at the well asks Jesus a worship question. Jesus's response to her temple location question begins to unfold the truth about his plan of redemption. Where does true worship begin?

ANSWER

8. John 4:25 indicates that Samaritans were looking forward to the Messiah. What did Jesus say in verse 26 that would clearly refute He was a good teacher/moral man?

ANSWER

What kind of moral man would call himself living water offering eternal life? What kind of good teacher would call himself the Jewish Messiah?

9. By calling Himself the life-giving water *and* the Messiah, what was Jesus teaching us about the role of the Messiah?
- A. He was going to reclaim Israel.
  - B. He was going to make Israel great again.
  - C. He was going to provide eternal life.

**ANSWER**

10. Would an ethicist make such claims about himself?

**ANSWER**

Read: John 7:37–38—referenced on Pages 74–75 in *Jesus Unmasked*.

This is another offer of living water made by Jesus, but this time in public at a key moment in His ministry. Jesus was attending the yearly observance of the Feast of Booths celebration. Read Leviticus 23:33–43.

11. What did this eight-day tent-dwelling festival symbolize?
- A. The exodus from Egypt.
  - B. God's provision for the Jews while they were in the wilderness.
  - C. God's protection of the Jews while they were in the wilderness.
  - D. All of the above.

**ANSWER**

John notes that the eighth day of the festival is considered the “great day.” The Festival atmosphere continued to build to a pinnacle of excitement, escalating each day until it culminated on the eighth day.

During the last day of celebration, the High Priest would lead a procession to the pool of Siloam carrying empty jugs to retrieve water and parade back to the temple to pour the water onto the altar. The congregation would recite Isaiah 12:3 as the Priest entered the temple with the water. Read Isaiah 12:3.

12. Who was the prophet talking about? Who is the fulfillment of this prophecy?

**ANSWER**

This ceremony was ordained by God and was to remind Israel of God's provision of water in the wilderness. It was during this solemn ceremony that Jesus stood up and raised His voice.

Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink" (John 7:37).

13. There are three action words in this verse. What are they?

#### ANSWER

14. "If anyone is thirsty..." Look up Strong's Greek 1372 for thirst, find its definition, and write it out below. Was Jesus speaking of a physical thirst or a spiritual thirst?

#### ANSWER

15. Jesus states: "If anyone is thirsty..." Would you agree that this is a prerequisite to coming unto Him before drinking?

#### ANSWER

Read Psalm 51:4, 17, Matthew 5:3, Luke 18:13–14, and 1 John 1:9.

16. Do you believe a person can be saved if they do not recognize their need for salvation?

#### ANSWER

Sinners don't get saved until they recognize their spiritual need and thirst for relief. It isn't until a lost soul recognizes their inability to save themselves by their own merits, that they will then truly grasp, love, and honor salvation.

17. Read Matthew 23:25–27 and Matthew 15:1–14. Does Jesus's description of the Pharisees indicate they were self-righteous or thirsting for righteousness?

#### ANSWER



18. Read Mark 2:15–17, Luke 19:10, and Matthew 9:10–12. Why did these people come to Jesus?

**ANSWER**

19. This has very big implications for evangelism. Knowing that someone must “thirst for righteousness” before they will appreciate the Gospel, what should we tell unsaved people?
- A. God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life.
  - B. You have a God-shaped hole in your heart that only Jesus can fill.
  - C. All sin and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).

**ANSWER**

The second action word from John 7:37 is come ...” let him come to Me....”

20. To whom did Jesus say we must come?
- A. To anyone we choose.
  - B. To a temple or religious system.
  - C. Oprah.
  - D. Himself.

**ANSWER**

21. To come to Jesus, we must leave something behind. Read Matthew 16:24, Romans 8:13, and Matthew 19:29. What does Jesus demand we leave behind?

**ANSWER**

The third action word from John 7:37 is “drink.”

22. Look up Strong’s Greek 4095 for the word “drink.” Write out the definition:

**ANSWER**

23. Belief in Christ is the true quench for the thirst of souls longing for peace, forgiveness, and right standing with the Lord. What did Jesus mean when He invited the parched sinner to drink?

**ANSWER**

Let's look at the second verse, verse 38, of John 7, and see what Jesus was saying.

"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water'" (John 7:38).

24. This Scripture clarifies verse 37, so that to "come to Christ and drink" means to \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

**ANSWER**

25. Read Jeremiah 2:13. What/who is the source of living water?

**ANSWER**

26. Was Jesus actually equating Himself with God?

**ANSWER**

The source of the water, Christ, will be in us, thus allowing us to have "living water." Read Isaiah 58:11.

Believers will go from being desperate seekers of the living water to the source of living water. That means out of us will flow life-giving water.

27. What could that mean? To whom are we to be sources of living water?

**ANSWER**

28. Read Proverbs 10:11. How does this correlate to John 7:38?

**ANSWER**

29. When our mouths have living water coming out of them, what are we talking about?

ANSWER

30. Read Proverbs 4:23. How could this correlate to John 7:38?

ANSWER

31. Word of Faith preachers teach that our words have the power to create reality. Do we see any hint in these verses that our words have the power to create prosperity or good health?

ANSWER

Lastly, read Isaiah 55:1–2. (*Jesus Unmasked* Page 76)

32. When Jesus cried out in the temple, do you think those who knew Scripture would have been excited to see this prophecy fulfilled? Why didn't they connect the dots? What kept the Jews from rushing to Him at His proclamation? We see in the Gospel of John that many of His followers quit following Him as His "I Am" statements became more and more exclusive. Why is that?

ANSWER

33. What did Isaiah tell the work-righteous Jews to do in Isaiah 55:6–7? (*Jesus Unmasked* Page 76)

ANSWER

Jesus is the One who provides our abundant pardon. Being a mere dispenser of morals would be a considerable demotion.

# Chapter 9

## Jesus Was a Good Teacher

"To Jews, whatever wonderful teacher and storyteller Jesus may have been, he was just a human, not the son of God."

- Dr. Lawrence J. Epstein

# Jesus Was A Good Teacher

## INTRODUCTION

There are over fifty references in the New Testament that identify Jesus as a teacher (Matthew 4:23, 5:2, 7:28–29, 23:8; Mark 4:2, 6:34; Luke 4:15, 5:3; John 3:2, 7:14, 8:2). Jesus even called Himself a teacher (John 13:13).

These verses cannot and should not be ignored, but to simply call Jesus a good teacher is to be reductionist in the extreme. If you were to describe George Washington, Elvis Presley, and Richard Nixon, would you use any of the following descriptions?

- George Washington was a good horseman.
- Elvis loved peanut butter and banana sandwiches.
- Richard Nixon sweated a lot on TV.

While none of those descriptions are wrong, per se, they hardly capture the essence of each man. Of course Jesus was a good teacher; He is God, and God is the best teacher, but we must not put a mask on Jesus that merely says, “Good teacher.”

## REMOVING THE MASK

1. Do a search for the word “teacher” (Strong’s Greek 1320) from John 13:13, and write out the definition.

## ANSWER

2. According to this definition, what did Jesus teach?
  - A. How to be a socialist
  - B. The benefits of vegetarianism
  - C. Global warming
  - D. The ways of God and the duties of man

## ANSWER

3. Chapters 8 and 9 of *Jesus Unmasked* describe attributes of Jesus that clearly go beyond what a merely good teacher would say or do, and points to His deity. In this chapter, who did you learn is the provider of all things? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 80)

## ANSWER

4. What does our complaining and lack of contentment say to God? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 80)

ANSWER

In this chapter, we see the Jewish people grumbling in the wilderness, complaining for want, and preferring their lives as abused slaves rather than being the free people of God.

5. What attributes of God were mentioned in this chapter? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 81)

ANSWER

Read John 6:1–14 and 26–40.

6. This event happened after Jesus fed 5000 men, plus women and children. The followers of Jesus were looking for Him to continually supply daily physical bread just as they errantly believed Moses provided bread for their fathers in the desert. What were the followers of Jesus challenging Him to do in verses 30–31? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 81)

ANSWER

7. The children of Israel were making some wrong assertions in their request to Jesus. Who did they believe supplied the Manna?

ANSWER

8. Who really supplied the Manna?

ANSWER

9. In calling God “My Father,” what was Jesus saying? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 82; John 6:32–35)

ANSWER

10. To what historical reality did Jesus equate Himself? (*Jesus Unmasked* Page 82)

ANSWER

11. Manna satisfies our physical hunger, what hunger does Jesus satisfy? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 82)

ANSWER

12. How long does physical bread satisfy us? (John 6:27)

ANSWER

13. How long does Jesus satisfy our spiritual hunger? (John 6:32–37)

ANSWER

14. How often do we need to consume physical bread?

ANSWER

15. How often do we need to satisfy our spiritual hunger?

ANSWER

16. What kind of person will have their hunger satisfied?

ANSWER

17. Look up Strong's Greek 2222 for the definition of "life" in John 6:33.

ANSWER

18. What kind of person is spiritually hungry?

ANSWER

19. Read Matthew 5:6. What causes a person to hunger?

ANSWER

20. What did you learn about the action word “come” from earlier in this chapter?

ANSWER

21. In order not to hunger, what must you do with bread?

ANSWER

22. How does one eat of the Bread of Life?

ANSWER

23. We too, like the wandering Jews, are consistent complainers. How does God see our grumbling? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 83)

ANSWER

Read John 6:47–51.



24. What ultimately happened to those who ate the manna in the wilderness?

ANSWER

25. What will happen to those who eat the true bread from heaven?

ANSWER

26. What bread is to our bodies, Jesus is to our souls. Unbelievers put a mask on Jesus that reads, “good teacher.” Can you think of two reasons that mask is trite?

ANSWER

27. Jesus claimed that just as eating and drinking are needed for physical life to be sustained, so believing in him and his atoning work would be necessary for eternal life. Why would a man who was just a good teacher demand total allegiance and submission this way?

ANSWER

28. Would a mere good teacher or moral man proclaim he is the way to eternal life?

ANSWER

29. Would a good teacher lie or invent something that doesn’t exist, even for the most “righteous” of reasons?

ANSWER

## FURTHER STUDY

Read Luke 14:26–27.

Would a good teacher demand utter dominance and submission in your life so that your love for family looks like hatred by comparison? This also includes hating your own life, leaving it all behind, and following Him—would a “good” teacher require that?

Read Luke 9:60.

Would a good teacher tell someone not to attend the funeral of his father, but pursue Jesus instead? A good teacher would not. God would.

Read Luke 5:27–28.

Would a good teacher ask their students to leave all they own to follow exclusively after him? No, only a delusional cult leader or God would demand that.

Ponder this quote from Dr. John MacArthur:

“Salvation then is giving up my life and embracing Him. It is taking in Christ by faith, acknowledging the reality of who He is and what He did. This is really an invitation to receive Christ, and only the hungry eat, and only the thirsty drink.”

Have you understood the claim the Gospel makes on your life? It is a claim of utter dominance and submission.

# Chapter 10

## Jesus Is Your Buddy

"I'm Muslim, but I think Jesus would have a drink with me. He would be cool. He would talk to me."

- Mike Tyson

# Jesus Is Your Buddy

## INTRODUCTION

There are some who irreverently call God “the man upstairs.” Those same people are likely to see Jesus as nothing more than their BFF, who “has their back.”

This chapter will show that Jesus who saves us from the sting of death is superior to being a pal. The redemptive work of Jesus makes him far more excellent than a frat buddy.

## REMOVING THE MASK

Chapter 10 of *Jesus Unmasked* begins with the Biblical account of the hungry children of Israel in the wilderness (Exodus 21:4–5). They grumbled, complained, and loathed the food that God had provided. In return for their complaints, God sent poisonous serpents to bite them, causing thousands to die.

1. Why was sending fiery serpents to poison His children a kind thing for God to do? (Hebrews 12:6, Proverbs 3:12, Revelations 3:19) (*Jesus Unmasked* page 86)

## ANSWER

2. How did the children of Israel respond to God’s stinging judgment? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 86)

## ANSWER

3. What was God’s remedy for the sting of death?

## ANSWER

4. Once again, God provided forgiveness and salvation for sinners. God made a way for sinful man to live. What did the bronze serpent represent? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 87)

## ANSWER

5. We too, like the Jews, can be obstinate and reluctant to repent of our sins. God still sends “fiery serpents” to lead us to repentance. What is God more interested in for us? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 87)

ANSWER

6. What question should you ask yourself the next time you feel the sting of God’s correction? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 87)

ANSWER

7. How will God answer you when you repent? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 87)

ANSWER

8. What did Jesus say in John 3:14–15 about the bronze serpent? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 87)

ANSWER

9. How is Jesus a better “brazen serpent?”

ANSWER

10. As good as the good news is, God’s offer of salvation is even greater than forgiveness of sins. Not only does the gospel offer forgiveness, it provides righteousness. What does the term “imputed righteousness” mean? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 88)

ANSWER

11. What does the term “double imputation” mean?

**ANSWER**

12. Define Jesus’s passive obedience. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 88)

**ANSWER**

13. Define Jesus’ active obedience. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 88)

**ANSWER**

With the knowledge of the double imputation provided by Christ, the better bronze serpent, does it seem remotely appropriate to merely consider Him our chum?

**FURTHER STUDY**

Here are some questions that might encourage you and others.

- Was there a time when God used a painful situation or tragedy to grow you in maturity?
- Would you trade your difficulty for what you learned?

# Chapter 11

## Jesus Is a Way to God

"Christ-consciousness, God-consciousness, Krishna-consciousness, Buddha-consciousness--it's all the same thing."

- Deepak Chopra

# Jesus Is A Way to God

## INTRODUCTION

This is the mask we probably hear about the most in our postmodern world: “Jesus is your path or your truth, but we all get there eventually.” This mask is also frequently heard as: “All roads lead to God, all religions are the same, or all religions are equally valid. Most Hindus believe that Jesus is just another path to the divine.”

## REMOVING THE MASK

Every other religion besides biblical Christianity requires its adherents to participate in their salvation. Work requirements include acts of prayer, good deeds, strict dress codes, or acts of abstention like avoiding certain foods or behaviors. All man-made religions are a “to-do” list of fiery hoops that followers must jump through. It is Christianity alone that offers complete, full forgiveness of sins and a righteousness offered through God alone.

The “all roads lead to God” argument is made by people who do not know what you are about to study. Let’s look at two more studies of Jesus that will help you remove this mask.

1. The introduction to Chapter 11 of *Jesus Unmasked* states, “Be prepared to see the brilliance, coherence, and supernatural nature of the Bible displayed in HD.” If you had to identify the over-arching theme of the Bible, what would you say it is?

## ANSWER

2. Each Testament focuses on a different covenant. Does this mean they are disjointed? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 94)

## ANSWER

3. In the Old Testament, there are numerous covenants. What are they? (*Jesus Unmasked* pg 94)

## ANSWER

4. In one of these covenants, God chose a group of people for a redeeming purpose. Which covenant was that, and who were those people?

## ANSWER



5. In another covenant, God required His people to obey the terms of the covenant. This covenant would serve to set the nation of Israel apart from all other nations as God's chosen people. Which covenant was this? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 95)

ANSWER

6. What does it mean that the Mosaic Covenant was *quid pro quo*? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 94)

ANSWER

7. How well did the Jewish people do in keeping the Mosaic Covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 94)

ANSWER

8. On pg 95 of *Jesus Unmasked*, there are four purposes of the Mosaic Covenant. What are they?

ANSWER

9. What was the centerpiece of the Mosaic Covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* Page 96)

ANSWER

10. Why was the temple integral to the Mosaic Covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 96)

ANSWER

11. What is *Shekinah*? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 97; Exodus 33:18–23, Exodus 34:29–35, John 1:14, and Revelation 1:17)

ANSWER

12. What do we learn from Hebrews 10:1–10 about God’s attitude toward sacrifices?

ANSWER

13. John 1:14 tells us that a new tabernacle has arrived. Who was it? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 97)

ANSWER

14. What significance does the word “dwelt” in John 1:14 have? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 97)

ANSWER

15. Of what or who is the tabernacle in the Old Testament a picture? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 97)

ANSWER

16. Hebrews tells us that Jesus is better. What are the things that Jesus is better than? (Scan through the book of Hebrews to find your answer.)

ANSWER

17. The tabernacle was a picture of Jesus. Hebrews 9 lists every piece of furniture in the tabernacle. Can we conclude that Jesus is better than every item in the tabernacle?

ANSWER

Read Hebrews 9:1–5 and get familiar with the Tabernacle figures on page 99 of *Jesus Unmasked*, then answer the following questions:

18. How did the children of Israel enter the tabernacle into the outer courtyard? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 98)

ANSWER

19. What did Jesus say about Himself in John 10:7–9? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 98)

ANSWER

20. What was the laver? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 98)

ANSWER

21. Washing was often a symbol of purification from sin. What does Jesus say of purification in John 13:8? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 98)

ANSWER

22. Inside the holy place was a golden lampstand. What was its significance? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 99)

ANSWER

23. In the middle of the Feast of Tabernacles celebration, what pronouncement did Jesus make? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 99; John 8:12)

ANSWER

24. In the Holy Place was the table of showbread. What was its significance in the temple? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 100)

ANSWER

25. What did Jesus say about living bread in John 6:35? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 100)

ANSWER

26. The last article in the Holy Place to look at is the altar of incense. What was burned on this altar? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 100)

ANSWER

27. Read Psalm 141:2 and Revelation 5:8. To what does Scripture liken incense?

ANSWER

28. Read Exodus 30:7–8. What do we learn about the altar of incense?

ANSWER

29. God was particular about the altar of incense and the mixture of the incense burned on it. Read Exodus 30:34–38. The incense mixture was solely for temple use and not for the priest's personal use. What could this say about God and prayer?

ANSWER

30. Between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies was a veil. Why? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 100)

ANSWER

31. What did Jesus' death accomplish in relation to the veil? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 100; Hebrews 10:19–20)

ANSWER

32. There was only one item in the Holy of Holies. What was it? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 100–101; Exodus 25, Hebrews 9:3)

ANSWER

33. What was inside the Ark of the Covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 101; Hebrews 9:4)

ANSWER

34. What did each item represent?

ANSWER

35. The mercy seat sat on top of the ark of the covenant. On the Day of Atonement, the blood from the lamb was sprinkled on the mercy seat, and it stood between the law and God. How is this a picture of Jesus and His atoning work?

ANSWER

36. Is Christ the Mercy Seat? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 101; Romans 3:24–25)

ANSWER

37. Is Jesus a better high priest? (*Jesus Unmasked* Page 101; Hebrews 7:26)

ANSWER

38. What about the animal that was sacrificed in the temple on the Day of Atonement? Do we see Jesus pictured in the lambs? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 101; Hebrews 10:10)

ANSWER

39. What piece of furniture was conspicuously missing from the temple? Why? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 101–102)

ANSWER

40. Where is Jesus seated now? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 102; Hebrews 10:11–14)

ANSWER

We began this chapter seeking to displace the mask that Jesus was just one of many ways to God. As we have seen, Jesus came from an elaborate and divinely planned nation, religion, and history that culminated in the brutal and breath-taking sacrifice of Jesus—God Himself. It is preposterous to conclude that God would go through this much effort and sacrifice His only begotten Son and allow people to choose any path.

Why would God go to such lengths and require such total devotion to His Son, when any work-righteous religious path would be just as efficacious? He wouldn't.

## FURTHER STUDY

Jesus came out of a “set-aside people” with a history, religion, and writings that point to a supernatural purpose and fulfillment in Jesus. Every man-made religion teaches a set of man-made religious rules.

If all paths lead to God:

- Why does only one religion offer complete forgiveness and the rest don't?
- Why does only one religion offer a guilt-free existence and the rest don't?
- Why does one religion not require good deeds and the rest do?
- One religion has God dying for believers and the others don't. Why is that?

Read pages 9–14 of *Jesus Unmasked* regarding postmodernism. How does the postmodern mindset almost seamlessly play into the “Jesus is just a way” mentality?

# Chapter 12

## Jesus Is a Fable

"...there never was any 'Jesus Christ' nor any meaningful real like basis for the story of 'Jesus Christ...'"

- R. G. Price



# Jesus Is A Fable

## INTRODUCTION

A growing chorus of voices claim that Jesus is a fictional story used to placate the masses. Karl Marx famously wrote that "religion is the opiate of the masses." Some argue Jesus never existed because they claim there is no external, secular evidence to prove that He existed. While this is untrue (consider Josephus, Tacitus, Suetonius, Pliny the Younger, Lucian, to name a few), this mask persists.

## REMOVING THE MASK

1. Galatians 4:4 tells us that Jesus was born at just the right time: what made Jesus's birthday the "right time"? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 31)

## ANSWER

2. What is the conscience?

## ANSWER

3. Where does the conscience come from? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 116)

## ANSWER

4. What conundrum does the atheist have regarding the conscience? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 116)

## ANSWER

5. What are man's two typical responses to the conscience and innate knowledge that God exists? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 118)

ANSWER

6. What is man's natural (sinful) bent? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 118)

ANSWER

7. Read Romans 4, especially verse 16. Was the Jewish faith ever intended to be a work-righteous religious system? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 119–120)

ANSWER

8. In particular, the Jewish religious leaders had turned the Sabbath into a man-made salvation requirement. According to the Mishna, how many man-made Sabbath rules did they concoct? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 120)

ANSWER

9. According to the rabbis, what made a Jew a faithful Jew? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 121)

ANSWER

10. The rabbis had turned the Sabbath gift of rest into a method for working one's way to heaven. They had made the ceremonial law an intolerable yoke. Read Matthew 11:28–30. What does Jesus say about the true way to salvation?

**ANSWER**

Now, in light of what you have learned about the rabbis' perversion of the Sabbath, read Matthew 12:1–8. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 121)

11. What four statements did Jesus make when the Pharisees accused Jesus and His disciples of breaking the rabbinical law of the Sabbath? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 122)

**ANSWER**

12. What was Jesus saying when he told the Pharisees that He is the “Lord of the Sabbath”? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 122)

**ANSWER**

13. The rabbis and teachers of the law responded by plotting to kill Him. What did Jesus reveal about them that made them so angry they wanted to kill Him? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 122)

**ANSWER**

14. What is the Sabbath? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 123)

**ANSWER**

15. What did breaking the Sabbath mean? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 123)

ANSWER

16. What was the penalty for violating the Sabbath? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 123)

ANSWER

17. When was the Sabbath initiated? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 123)

ANSWER

18. How is the Sabbath incorporated into the Mosaic Law? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 123)

ANSWER

19. What was the purpose of the Sabbath? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 124)

ANSWER

One of the Jews' most repeated sins that led to their captivity was the violation of God's Sabbath (Jeremiah 17:21–27, Ezekiel 22:26). Based on the messages from Jeremiah and Ezekiel, the Jews knew that their captivity had been for breaking God's laws, including the Sabbath.

Once restored to their promised land, they were determined to follow God's laws meticulously in order to avoid another captivity. With that came a heavy burden of rabbinical-crafted prohibited actions written as laws for the Sabbath.

Attached to this new man-made set of rules was the errant belief that one's keeping the Sabbath perfectly would make a man righteous. These are the man-made laws that Jesus sought to break.

20. Jesus did not break the moral law of the Sabbath as instituted by God through the Ten Commandments; He fulfilled it perfectly. According to Hebrews 4:9–10, what/who is our permanent rest? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 124)

ANSWER

21. Explain how Jesus is the Sabbath rest? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 124)

ANSWER

22. The Sabbath rest provided a physical and temporary rest. How is Jesus the greater Sabbath rest?

ANSWER

23. If we don't "keep the Sabbath," isn't that a violation of the Ten Commandments? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 125)

ANSWER

24. But what about the other nine commandments? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 125)

ANSWER

25. So if we don't have to "keep the Sabbath," why do we go to church on Sunday? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 125)

ANSWER

26. On page 126 of *Jesus Unmasked*, it states that Jesus's yoke is so light that most people hate Him for it. What does that mean?

#### ANSWER

27. What does it mean that God "resists the proud?"

#### ANSWER

28. How does a person receive this rest from Jesus? (*Jesus Unmasked* Page 127)

#### ANSWER

Jesus is not a fable because He has the history of a set-apart nation, the history of a religion, the history of a God who performed miracles, the foundation of a book, and the fulfillment of dozens of prophecies predicting where He would be born and how He would live and die. God proclaimed the reality of Jesus every single Sabbath day; that is hardly a myth.

#### FURTHER STUDY

How many religious systems can you name that promise eternal life/Nirvana/Paradise if a person does good works?

Can you name any other religions that offer grace alone as the means to salvation?

While we should do good works in response to the gospel, do you ever find yourself trying to do good works to earn God's favor?

Do you ever feel like you have to do "make-goods" to atone for your sins (i.e., be super nice to the kids on Tuesday because you were crabby with them on Monday).

# Chapter 13 & 14

## Jesus Was a Crackpot

"A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic--on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg--or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice."

- C. S. Lewis

# Jesus Was A Crackpot

## INTRODUCTION

Preachers regularly stand in the middle of Times Square and proclaim their deity. They are crackpots. Yet Jesus did the same thing, so how do we know He was not a madman?

## REMOVING THE MASK

While wandering in the wilderness, God commanded the Jewish people to celebrate seven festivals that honored Him. We will see in this chapter that these festivals were Old Testament types for Jesus. This should lead us to the unmistakable conclusion that if Jesus was a crackpot, then the men who concocted this festival scheme were cruel and brilliant deceivers.

1. What were the four spring feasts? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 130)

## ANSWER

2. In Leviticus 23:4–7, what do we learn about the first three festivals? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 130)

## ANSWER

3. What is Passover? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 130–131)

## ANSWER

4. God threatened to kill the first-born son unless they showed faith by painting blood from the lamb on their doorpost. Fill in the following from *Jesus Unmasked* page 130:

Only an \_\_\_\_\_, spotless lamb was an acceptable \_\_\_\_\_.

## ANSWER

5. The lamb was to be selected on “lamb \_\_\_\_\_ day,” which was \_\_\_\_\_.

## ANSWER



6. The lamb would \_\_\_\_\_ with its people for a short \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_.

ANSWER

7. The lamb was to be sacrificed in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ on Friday.

ANSWER

8. The lamb was to have no \_\_\_\_\_.

ANSWER

How is Jesus like the Passover Lamb? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 130)

9. Jesus was spotless. He never \_\_\_\_\_!

ANSWER

10. Jesus likely entered \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ of Passover week.

ANSWER

11. Why was it significant that Jesus entered Jerusalem on a Monday?

ANSWER

12. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ with us for only a \_\_\_\_\_ time: 33 years.

ANSWER

13. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem on \_\_\_\_\_.

ANSWER

14. Unlike most \_\_\_\_\_ victims, none of Jesus's \_\_\_\_\_ were broken.

ANSWER

How is Jesus Better than the Passover Lamb? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 131)

15. A lamb is an \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_.

ANSWER

16. Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_ volunteer, not an \_\_\_\_\_ victim.

ANSWER

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ of lambs could only \_\_\_\_\_ sins. Jesus's sacrifice  
\_\_\_\_\_ sins and \_\_\_\_\_ our consciences.

ANSWER

18. Lambs only served as a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lamb of \_\_\_\_\_ who takes away the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the world.

ANSWER

19. Explain the Feast of Unleavened Bread. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 131–132)

ANSWER

20. According to Exodus 12:42, what is the purpose of the feast? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 131)

ANSWER

21. Leaven was a symbol for \_\_\_\_\_. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 131)

ANSWER

22. Therefore, God was telling his chosen people to be symbolically purged of sin. This represented God's desire for His people to be holy. Why did God desire a set-apart people? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 131)

ANSWER

23. Read 1 Corinthians 5:6–7. How is the Feast of Unleavened Bread a picture of Jesus? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 132)

ANSWER

24. What is the Feast of First Fruits? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 132–133)

ANSWER

25. Leviticus 23:9–12 is about this festival. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 132) What two rites were the Jews to perform?

ANSWER

26. How does 1 Corinthians 15:20 show that Jesus is the first fruit pictured in this festival? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 132)

ANSWER

27. Why is the resurrection of Jesus a chief doctrine of Christianity? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 133)

ANSWER

28. When did this Feast of Weeks take place? (*Jesus Unmasked* 133)

ANSWER

29. By the time of Jesus, the Festival of Weeks was referred to as \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWER

30. *Pentecost* is the Greek word for \_\_\_\_\_. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 133)

ANSWER

31. According to the Matthew Henry commentary, what had the Festival of Weeks / Pentecost become by the time of Jesus? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 133)

ANSWER

32. What happened fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 134)

ANSWER

33. What are the three Fall Festivals? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 134)

ANSWER

34. The Feast of Trumpets was a holy convocation commemorated with what? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 134)

ANSWER

35. In your own words, when and what was the Day of Atonement according to Leviticus 16:7–9 and Leviticus 23:26–28?

ANSWER

36. In what ways is Jesus both sacrificial goats? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 136)

ANSWER

37. What was the purpose of the Feast of Tabernacles/Booths? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 136)

ANSWER

38. What events took place during this festival?

ANSWER

39. Jesus became flesh and \_\_\_\_\_ among us. (John 1:14)

ANSWER

40. According to 1 Corinthians 6:19–20, what are Christians? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 136)

ANSWER

41. What do we learn about Jesus in Revelations 21:3? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 136)

ANSWER

42. What ritual did the priests perform each morning of the feast? (*Jesus Unmasked* Page 137)

ANSWER

43. What did this commemorate? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 137)

ANSWER

44. In John 7:37–38, Jesus did something shocking during this event on the last day of the festival. What did he do? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 137)

ANSWER

45. What was the mix of responses to what Jesus said? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 137)

ANSWER

46. Other than the ritual of water, what other ritual occurred during the eight-day Festival? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 137)

ANSWER

47. What did this ritual symbolize? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 137)

ANSWER

48. In the midst of this, what did Jesus proclaim? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 137)

ANSWER

Jesus was saying that the light from torches was a picture of Him. He was saying He is the spiritual light of the world. Unfortunately, the Jews rejected Him because they did not see from the old covenant that He was their Messiah. They were blind and could not see.

Those who claim Jesus was a madman are also blind. If they would study the intricate detail and absolute elegance of the Bible, they would not conclude He was a crackpot, but the fulfillment of a spectacularly detailed and brilliant system.

# Chapter 15

## Jesus Was a Prophet or Enlightened Being

"Even if I accepted that Jesus - like almost every other prophet on record - was born of a virgin, I cannot think that this proves the divinity of his father or the truth of his teachings. The same would be true if I accepted that he has been resurrected."

- Christopher Hitchens

# Jesus Was A Prophet or Enlightened Being

## INTRODUCTION

Many biblically illiterate people believe Jesus was a prophet or just an enlightened being. They claim that Jesus had a profound sense of wisdom or insight, but certainly not a divinely sourced wisdom. Those in this group include Muslims, Baha'i, atheists, agnostics, and New Age philosophers.

## REMOVING THE MASK

To remove this mask, we must define and clarify the use of the word “prophet.” We are going to see that the biblical definition of “prophet” is different from the skeptic’s use of this word.

1. Go to [www.Carm.org](http://www.Carm.org), search for the definition of a Biblical prophet, and write out the definition here:

## ANSWER

2. Is this the definition people consider when using the word “prophet?” For instance, is that the definition someone like Oprah Winfrey would have in mind when saying Jesus was a prophet? Or would she have a more secular definition in mind?

## ANSWER

The world’s definition of “prophet” is clearly different from the Bible’s. Let’s take a look at the definitions of other words to determine if the world is using the word “prophet” correctly. Look up the following words in a dictionary or in Wikipedia, and write out each definition:

3. Sage:

## ANSWER



4. Japanese Sensei:

ANSWER

5. Zen Master:

ANSWER

The above three words describe someone who speaks “wisely” or “morally,” but neither he nor his message is of divine origin. In this case, unbelievers put Jesus on the same level as Buddha, Gandhi, and anyone who has written a really good fortune cookie.

6. Do you think that the Biblical definition of “prophet” is what unbelievers have in mind when they call Jesus a prophet?

ANSWER

7. Now that we have both the Biblical and secular definitions of “prophet” defined, let’s look at what kind of prophet Jesus was. Read Matthew 13:57 and Mark 6:4. Did Jesus refer to Himself as a prophet?

ANSWER

8. When Jesus calls Himself a prophet, which definition was He using? Look up “prophet” using Strong’s Greek 4396, and write out the definition:

ANSWER

Clearly, Jesus was using the term “prophet” in the Biblical sense, not the secular, pagan sense.

Does the Bible give us more insight into His role as a prophet? Did Jesus differ from other prophets? Let’s take a look.

9. What purpose did the Old Testament prophets serve? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 145)

ANSWER

10. Why were Biblical prophets considered “the voice of God?” (*Jesus Unmasked* page 145)

ANSWER

11. What was the Biblical prophet’s main job? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 146)

ANSWER

12. Is the Bible filled with more prophecies that predict the future or more proclamations from God to His people?

ANSWER

13. What would happen if an Old Testament prophet inaccurately predicted the future? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 146)

ANSWER

14. Why is false teaching an abomination to God? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 146)

ANSWER

15. Do you see any warnings here for false teachers and modern-day prophets who predict the future and are almost always wrong?

ANSWER

16. What were some of the ways a prophet was proven to be a man of God? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 146)

#### ANSWER

Now that we have defined the work of a Biblical prophet, let's examine the words and works of Jesus to see if He was qualified for this office.

17. Read Luke 24:19. Were Jesus's predictions accurate? Did Jesus perform more or fewer signs and wonders than the Old Testament prophets?

#### ANSWER

18. Throughout the Bible, prophets would receive a message of God, sometimes through dreams or visions (2 Corinthians 12:1--4, Acts 16:9, Acts 18:9). Can you recall Jesus ever having a dream or vision? Is there any significance to this?

#### ANSWER

19. Throughout the Old Testament, prophets began their proclamations with, "Thus says the LORD of hosts," or "Thus sayeth the LORD" (Exodus 4:22, 5:1, 8:1, Josiah 7:13, Judges 6:8, 1 Samuel 10:18). Did Jesus ever utter those words? What might be the significance of this?

#### ANSWER

20. Read Matthew 5:18, 6:2, 8:10, and 10:23. In what manner did Jesus speak?

#### ANSWER

21. Read John 1:51, 3:11, 5:19, and 8:58. Who was His source of authority?

#### ANSWER

22. Read Matthew 7:28 and 28:28. What were some of the responses to the way Jesus spoke?  
(*Jesus Unmasked* page 19)

**ANSWER**

We have seen that Jesus did not speak the same way an ordinary prophet spoke; He spoke with words that showed He is God. In this area, He surpassed and exceeded the other prophets. He wasn't a mere mouthpiece; He is God.

Let's examine if there were other ways that Jesus behaved that demonstrated He was the greatest of all prophets.

23. Read John 21:25 and page 149 of *Jesus Unmasked*. Who preached more unique content, Old Testament prophets or Jesus?

**ANSWER**

24. God would occasionally authenticate the Old Testament prophets through signs, wonders, and healings. Did Jesus heal more or less than the Old Testament prophets? Read Matthew 9:35–38, Luke 7:21, Matthew 14:14, and page 18 from *Jesus Unmasked*.

**ANSWER**

25. Read John 20:30. What does it say about the quantity of Jesus's healings?

**ANSWER**

26. According to page 18 of *Jesus Unmasked*, how many people were still sick when Jesus completed His ministry?

**ANSWER**

27. Read Deuteronomy 34:10–12. Who was the greatest Old Testament prophet?

ANSWER

28. Read Deuteronomy 18:15. What did Moses prophesy?

ANSWER

29. Read John 5:46 and Hebrews 3:3–6. What do these verses say about Jesus?

ANSWER

30. What does it mean that, “In a sense, all of the Old Testament prophets were minor prophets who served as a type of the major prophet to come, Jesus Christ?” (*Jesus Unmasked* page 149)

ANSWER

We have seen that Jesus is the greatest Biblical prophet through His superior teachings, healings, and authority. Furthermore, Scripture itself states that Jesus was the greatest prophet, greater than Moses.

31. Read John 12:29. What is the relationship between God and Jesus? What does this say about Jesus?

ANSWER

We have established that Jesus was the greatest prophet. But as you learned in reading Chapter 15 of *Jesus Unmasked*, there were three main offices in the Old Testament: Prophet, Priest, and King.

Let’s see if Jesus, the “enlightened sensei,” was also a priest and king.

32. Who were priests? From which tribe did they come? (Deuteronomy 18:1 (*Jesus Unmasked* page 150))

ANSWER

33. How did priests differ from high priests? (Exodus 28:1–3 and 40–41 (*Jesus Unmasked* page 150))

ANSWER

34. The book of Hebrews repeatedly teaches that the Old Covenant—the temple, the priests, the sacrifices—were a picture of the reality found in Jesus. Read Psalm 40:6–8 and Hebrews 10:4–10. What do these passages reveal about the old sacrificial system?

ANSWER

35. Read Hebrews 7:23–28 and 9:11–14: What are the elements that make Jesus the better high priest? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 150–151)

ANSWER

The Jews relied on the Old Covenant as the way to have limited access to God. Jesus says there is no other way to God, but through Him (John 14:6). No sacrificial system or Jewish priestly intervention could draw one close to God. Our one and only way to have full access to God is through Jesus—the better High Priest and better sacrifice.

36. Read 1 Peter 1:1–5 and Romans 8:31–39 (*Jesus Unmasked* page 152). What promises are given to believers because of our High Priest?

ANSWER

37. What are the glorious blessings of being in our Great High Priest, listed at the top of page 153 in *Jesus Unmasked*?

ANSWER

38. We have the greatest Biblical Prophet and the greatest Great High Priest, but we also have the greatest King (*Jesus Unmasked*, pages 153–158). Read 1 Samuel 8:4–22. Who was always to be Israel's king?

ANSWER

39. God ruled through \_\_\_\_\_ who were guided by \_\_\_\_\_. (*Jesus Unmasked* Page 153)

ANSWER

40. Why did Israel want a king? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 153)

ANSWER

41. What was Samuel's warning about how a human king would treat them? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 153–154)

ANSWER

42. What will God's response be when they cry out to Him for relief?

ANSWER

43. Did most of the kings rule well? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 154)

ANSWER

44. What promise did God make to King David? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 154)

ANSWER

45. Read Luke 1:31–33. Who will sit on David's throne forever?

ANSWER

46. Why is the genealogy in the first chapter of Matthew important? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 155)

ANSWER

47. For whom were the Magi searching in Matthew 2:2?

ANSWER

48. Read Matthew 3:1–3. Kings had heralds to go before them to announce his coming and prepare the people for the arrival of the king. Who was Jesus's herald?

ANSWER

49. Why was Jesus's entry into Jerusalem on a donkey significant? (Read Zechariah 9:9)

ANSWER

50. From Zechariah 9:9, what characteristics about Jesus are prophesied?

ANSWER



51. Read Matthew 27:11. What was Jesus's answer to Pontius Pilate when Pilate asked Him if He was the King of the Jews? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 156)

ANSWER

52. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9–10. The king has set the entrance standards into His kingdom. This is a short list of sins that will keep mankind from heaven. Yet how do I, as a redeemed believer who sins, rectify this with 1 John 3:9–10?

ANSWER

53. We read in Revelation 19:11–16 that our King is coming again. What will that look like? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 156–157)

ANSWER

54. How can one escape the coming judgment by King Jesus? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 158)

ANSWER

55. What does being saved to the uttermost mean? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 158)

ANSWER

56. Needless to say, the world's understanding of a prophet differs radically from biblical prophets. More than that, when the world calls Jesus simply a prophet, it is clear they have not studied what you just learned. So when the world claims that Jesus was merely a prophet, what should your response be?

ANSWER

## FURTHER STUDY

On page 156 of *Jesus Unmasked*, the return of King Jesus describes his rule and judgment over His creation. Do you have a sense of fear or dread when you read that? Do you dread His coming courtroom?

If so, call out to the perfect prophet, priest, and king to find salvation, forgiveness, and comfort.

# Chapter 16

## Jesus Is Just Another Bible Character

"Jesus was a link in a long chain of prophets and messengers sent by God to various societies and nations whenever they needed guidance or deviated from the teachings of God."

- Dr. Maneh Hammad Al-Johani

# Jesus Is Just Another Bible Character

## INTRODUCTION

The biblically uninitiated make a dreadful error when they think Jesus is just another character in the panoply of Biblical actors. Samson, Solomon, David, Jonah, Jesus, whatever.

When we study Old Testament typology and see that Jesus is better than everyone and everything that pointed to Him, we can conclude that Jesus is hardly an actor in a long list of movie credits. Jesus is the only true and living God.

## REMOVING THE MASK

1. In what way is Jesus like Abel, only better? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 162)

## ANSWER

2. In what four ways is Jesus a greater priest than Melchizedek? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 162)

## ANSWER

3. How is Isaac a type of Jesus? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 163)

## ANSWER

4. Moses spoke of a greater prophet to come. In what way is Jesus a greater prophet than Moses? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 163)

#### ANSWER

5. In what ways was Jonah a Christ-type? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 165)

#### ANSWER

6. How was Jesus a Solomon type? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 165)

#### ANSWER

7. What other people could be a “Jesus-type?” (*Jesus Unmasked* page 165–169)

#### ANSWER

8. What does it mean that Adam is an anti-type? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 168)

#### ANSWER

### FURTHER STUDY

- What does the ontological nature of Jesus mean?
- Research the hypostatic union of Christ.
- Read the Athanasian Creed. Can we believe whatever we want about the Trinity?

# Chapter 17

## Jesus Is a Higher Power

"I've always believed in a higher power. You can call it God, you can call it Jesus, Krishna, Buddha, Allah, I don't care. I really believe we are all a part of God."

- Olivia Hussey

# Jesus Is A Higher Power

## INTRODUCTION

As we might recall from grammar school, adjectives can take three forms, in ascending order: positive, comparative, and superlative. An adjective can be good, better, or best. When it comes to theology, too many people think that Jesus's power is good or better, but few believe that His power is best. Let's remove the higher power mask and see how mighty Jesus really is.

## REMOVING THE MASK

1. After the Jews had been held as slaves in Egypt for 400 years, God sent a deliverer named Moses to do what? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 176)

## ANSWER

2. Both Israel and Jesus were "called out of Egypt." What does that mean? (Matthew 2:14–15; *Jesus Unmasked* page 176)

## ANSWER

3. Israel was tempted in the wilderness for forty years and \_\_\_\_\_ the test. Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for forty days and \_\_\_\_\_. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 176)

## ANSWER

4. Each time Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, He quoted \_\_\_\_\_. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 176)

## ANSWER

5. The Jews were brought into the Promised Land by a man named Joshua, the Hebrew name for \_\_\_\_\_. We are brought into the heavenly promised land by \_\_\_\_\_. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 177)

## ANSWER

6. The story of the Jews being delivered from Egypt and brought to the Promised Land is a picture of the redemptive work of Jesus. Just as the Jews were delivered out of slavery to Pharaoh by Moses, we are delivered out of slavery to \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus. (Hebrews 2:14; *Jesus Unmasked* page 177)

ANSWER

7. In what way is the story of Israel a picture of Jesus and the gospel? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 177)

ANSWER

8. What purpose did the Cities of Refuge serve? (*Jesus Unmasked* pages 177–178)

ANSWER

9. In what ways can we learn from this? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 178)

ANSWER

10. What are the three realms of authority God has set up in the New Testament? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 178)

ANSWER

11. The smaller the number of people, the \_\_\_\_\_ the authority; the greater the number of people, the \_\_\_\_\_ the authority. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 178)

ANSWER



Each one of these realms has very specific assignments: (*Jesus Unmasked* page 178)

12. Parents are to \_\_\_\_\_ up their children in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:1)

ANSWER

13. Shepherds are to \_\_\_\_\_ the flock and \_\_\_\_\_ them from wolves. (Ephesians 4:11)

ANSWER

14. Government officials are to \_\_\_\_\_ the bad guys. (Romans 13:1–7)

ANSWER

15. When a realm of authority gets involved in one of the other realms, what happens?

ANSWER

16. What ways can Christians step over the line regarding realms of authority?

ANSWER

Jesus was a much better City of Refuge in what ways? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 180)

17. \_\_\_\_\_ men were to run to the city of refuge. We are not innocent; we are actually \_\_\_\_\_.

ANSWER

18. The city of refuge was a place of \_\_\_\_\_ safety; Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_ place of safety.

ANSWER

19. The city of refuge was a \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus is an actual \_\_\_\_\_ with whom we can have a relationship.

ANSWER

20. How was Jesus like Jacob's ladder, only better? (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 180)

ANSWER

A surety is someone who promises to pay the obligation if the principal cannot or will not pay his debt.

Jesus is the surety of a better covenant according to Hebrews. Fill in the following. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 181)

21. We have more than a financial debt; we have a \_\_\_\_\_ debt.

ANSWER

22. Our debt is not with man, but with \_\_\_\_\_.

ANSWER

23. Jesus does more than \_\_\_\_\_ our fine; He puts His \_\_\_\_\_ into our account.

ANSWER

24. Why do you never have to worry that God will change His mind about you? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 181)

ANSWER

What a mighty power, to accomplish so much for so many! Clearly, Jesus is more than a higher power; He is the highest power who accomplished more than we can dream or imagine.

# Chapter 18 & 19

## Jesus Would Be a Socialist, Democrat, or Republican

"Jesus was the first socialist, the first to seek a better life for mankind."

- Mikhail Gorbachev

# Jesus Would Be A Socialist, Democrat or Republican

## INTRODUCTION

The political mask is often put on Jesus by people who believe that He would be in their political party. Socialists, Sojourners, and the Moral Majority all claim that Jesus would be of their political persuasion. As we will see, asking whose political convention Jesus would attend is asking the wrong question. By studying these two chapters of *Jesus Unmasked*, we will conclude that Jesus transcends all political labels.

## REMOVING THE MASK

Most first-century Jews were expecting a leader who would throw off Roman rule and return Israel to the golden days of King David. This is somewhat understandable as the anointed descendant of King David was supposed to reign forever on a throne in Jerusalem. But providing a political or military leader was not God's plan.

God's short-term plan was to reign over a physical realm in order to create an eternal spiritual kingdom. God can take over any nation He wants to, but He is looking to do something far more profound. God is looking to prepare a bride for His Son at the consummation of human history.

1. What is a covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* pages 184–186)

## ANSWER

2. What was the consequence of breaking a covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 184)

## ANSWER

3. God cut a covenant with Abraham. What was/is the duration for this contract? (Genesis 17:6–8)

## ANSWER

4. What were the promises of the Abrahamic Covenant?

ANSWER

5. Could the Mosaic Covenant be broken? (Exodus 32, Deuteronomy 28, Hebrews 8–10)

ANSWER

6. In most covenant arrangements, both parties have responsibilities. What is our contribution to the New Covenant cut by Jesus? (Ephesians 2:8–9; Titus 3:4–7; Romans 11:5–6)

ANSWER

God set apart the Jewish people as a nation unto Himself so that He might use them as a nation of priests to reveal His plan of salvation to the heathen nations (Exodus 19:6). They were God's chosen people in order to reveal Himself as the one true God. Through Israel, He gave the world a Savior.

7. When did Jeremiah declare that God was going to make a new covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 184, Jeremiah 31:31–34)

ANSWER

8. God promised, "Not like the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day I took them out by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt" (*Jesus Unmasked* page 184). What did He mean by that?

ANSWER

9. Were sins forgiven under the Old Covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* Page 185, Hebrews 10:1–18)

ANSWER

10. How will sins be dealt with in this New Covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 185)

**ANSWER**

11. If sins were merely covered in the time prior to Jesus, how did Old Testament believers get to heaven? (Romans 4)

**ANSWER**

12. There was a 400-year silence after the last Old Testament book of Malachi. How was the silence broken? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 185; John 1:29)

**ANSWER**

13. Do we have any responsibility in the New Covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 186; Hebrews 10:14, 18, 22)

**ANSWER**

**Step One: Exchange of Robes** (*Jesus Unmasked* pages 186–192):

14. In covenant, the exchange of robes was a “sign.” What was the significance of that sign? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 187)

**ANSWER**

15. Was there an exchange of robes in the New Covenant? What does Philippians 2:5–8 say? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 187)

**ANSWER**

16. What does the phrase “the incarnation of Jesus Christ” mean? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 187)

ANSWER

17. What does the Bible mean when it says that Mary was “overshadowed by the Holy Spirit?” (*Jesus Unmasked* page 187)

ANSWER

18. What is the hypostatic union of Jesus? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 188)

ANSWER

19. What warning does the Athanasian Creed offer? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 189)

ANSWER

20. But Jesus took on more than our flesh. What else did he take on? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 190, II Corinthians 5:21)

ANSWER

21. In this great exchange of robes in the New Covenant, did we take on Jesus’s robe? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 191, Romans 13:14; Galatians 3:27)

ANSWER

22. Remember, this exchange of robes was an outward sign of an inward commitment. So how is our total exchange of identity summed up in 1 Cor 11:1, Eph 5:1, and Col 3:1–14?

ANSWER

## Step Two: The Exchange of Weapons (*Jesus Unmasked* pages 192–196)

23. What was the symbolism attached to the exchanging of weapons? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 192)

ANSWER

24. Knowing that God defends us (2 Thessalonians 1:5–7), how are we to treat those who hurt us? (Romans 12:17–19)

ANSWER

25. What truths can you remember next time someone hurts you? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 193)

ANSWER

26. What does Romans 12:20–21 say about our enemies? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 193)

ANSWER

27. We have seen that God is our defender, but do we defend God, our covenant partner? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 194–196; Jude 3; James 4:4)

ANSWER

28. In what way is a believer who sins an adulterer? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 196)

ANSWER



### **Step Three: The Exchange of Belts and Girdles** (*Jesus Unmasked* pages 196–197)

The belt of the garment held one's weapons in place. To give your belt in covenant signified the giving of your strength to your covenant partner.

29. In what ways does God give us his belt/strength? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 196, Philippians 4:13)

**ANSWER**

30. On the flip side, do we give God our strength? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 197, 2 Cor 12:9–10)

**ANSWER**

### **Step Four: The Cutting of Wrists** (*Jesus Unmasked* page 197)

31. The cutting of wrists was accomplished by making an incision in each partner's wrist or forearm and striking or locking the hands together in such a way so that their blood would mingle. What did this co-mingling signify? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 197)

**ANSWER**

32. In keeping with oneness, how are we one with Jesus Christ? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 197)

**ANSWER**

### **Step Five: The Taking of an Oath** (*Jesus Unmasked* pages 197–198)

In the covenant ceremony, typically both parties would pledge all their resources to each other, basically proclaiming, "All that I have is now yours."

33. Does God share His possessions with us? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 198; Philippians 4:19; Romans 8:32)

**ANSWER**

34. Are we to share our possessions with God? (Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20)

ANSWER

**Step Six: The Seal of the Covenant** (*Jesus Unmasked* page 201–202)

35. What is the purpose behind the seal of a covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 202)

ANSWER

36. What are some of the covenant seals in the Bible? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 202)

ANSWER

37. What is the seal of the New Covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 202; Ephesians 1:13)

ANSWER

38. How is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit an outward sign?

ANSWER

**Step Seven: The Exchange of Names** (*Jesus Unmasked* pages 202–203)

39. Historically, the exchange of names indicated an exchange of identity. Do we get a new name when we enter into the New Covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 202, Ephesians 2:1–3)

ANSWER

40. What does Revelation 2:17 tell us about our name in heaven?

ANSWER

**Steps Eight and Nine: The Splitting of an Animal and the Walk of Death** (*Jesus Unmasked* page 203–205)

41. These two steps are combined because they usually happen concurrently. The splitting of an animal had two significant parts in the ceremony. What were they? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 203)

**ANSWER**

42. What “animal” was killed in the New Covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 204; John 1:29)

**ANSWER**

43. Is there another death in the New Covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 204; Galatians 2:19–20; 2 Corinthians 5:14–17)

**ANSWER**

44. After the death of the sacrificial animal, the pieces of the animal were laid opposite one another and the covenanting parties would walk through the pieces of the animal. What did this “walk of death” signify? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 204)

**ANSWER**

45. What happened to the veil in the temple when Jesus died? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 205; Matthew 27:51)

**ANSWER**

46. What did this symbolize? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 205; Hebrews 10:19–20)

**ANSWER**

47. Can you see any parallel with John 14:6? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 205)

**ANSWER**

**Step Ten: The Covenant Meal** (*Jesus Unmasked* pages 205–206)

48. When the cutting of the covenant was complete, the parties would share in a special covenant meal. There, the two parties would feed each other bread dipped into wine. What was the symbolic meaning of this? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 206)

**ANSWER**

49. What did Jesus say in 1 Corinthians 11:23–25 about His body and blood and the New Covenant? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 206)

**ANSWER**

50. What is the New Covenant meal?

**ANSWER**

51. What does Jesus demand? (*Jesus Unmasked* Page 206)

**ANSWER**

52. Repentance is not about \_\_\_\_\_, but about direction. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 207)

**ANSWER**

53. Is repentance a work? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 208)

**ANSWER**

54. There is a heavenly feast we will enjoy with Jesus, who promised not to drink from the last cup of the feast until he returned. Read Matthew 26:27–29, Luke 22:15–18, and Revelation 19:9. At this feast, who will serve us? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 210)

**ANSWER**

Some people put a political mask on Jesus to co-opt him to their political party. Our emphasis in this chapter was to point to Jesus being the lamb who was slain for the inauguration of the New Covenant.

Consider the effort, focus, and eternal benefits of the covenants. For Jesus to become a member of a political party would be a downgrade akin to a king who mops the floors. Jesus is more than a member of a political system; He is the God who saves mankind through Himself. That is far more profound and valuable than any political party could accomplish.

## FURTHER STUDY

- Ponder in what ways you have been adulterous in your relationship with God (this is in relation to step 2).
- Do you ever feel guilty? Is this the way we should feel? If all of our sins, past, present, and future are all forgiven, should the Christian ever feel guilty? It is not a sin to have remorse over bad decisions, but a Christian should never feel guilty.
- Is it possible you need to repent, perhaps for the first time, and place your faith in Jesus Christ?

# Chapter 20

## Jesus Is a Created Being

"Mormons do not believe that Jesus was born of a virgin but that He was begotten by an Immortal Father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by mortal fathers."

- Bruce R. McConkle

# Jesus Is A Created Being

## INTRODUCTION

Mormons, Muslims, Jehovah's Witnesses, and anyone who adopts Arianism do not believe that Jesus has eternally existed. They believe He is a created being. Needless to say, this is a substantial mask that can be easily removed by simply studying the "I am" statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John.

## REMOVING THE MASK

Let's look into *Jesus Unmasked* Chapter 20 and see what Jesus said about Himself and how it underscores His deity and His pre-existence.

1. What does ego eimi mean? (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 216)

## ANSWER

2. On page 217 of *Jesus Unmasked*, what did you learn about "I Am?"

## ANSWER

3. In the Gospel of John, Jesus referred to Himself as "I Am" \_\_\_\_\_ times. (*Jesus Unmasked* page 217)

## ANSWER

4. On page 217 of *Jesus Unmasked*, what did you learn about word order in Greek?

## ANSWER

5. Read John 8:24, 8:28, and 8:58 (*Jesus Unmasked*, pages 217–218). What was Jesus claiming with his persistent use of "I Am"?

## ANSWER

Read John 8:12; Exodus 13:21–22; Psalm 27:1, Isaiah 60:19–20; 42:6, and Revelation 21:23–24.

6. To whom was Isaiah referring when he described light?

#### ANSWER

Jesus called Himself the light of the world during the daily lighting ceremony that occurred during the yearly Feast of Booths celebration. The lighting ceremony was a picture of Exodus 13:21–22 and a demonstration of hope in the Messiah who would be a light to the world.

7. How might Jesus’s “follow me” statement in John 8:12 be an allusion to the pillar of fire by night and cloud by day to the children of Israel?

#### ANSWER

8. Do a search on the word “follow” from John 8:12, using Strong’s Greek 190. What did you learn about the word?

#### ANSWER

9. This is an “all in” type of following, not a casual acquaintance. Furthermore, according to John 8:12, what will happen if someone follows the light of the world?

#### ANSWER

Jesus told the crowd at the Feast that He was the way out of darkness—the darkness of ignorance, bondage to sin, shame, guilt, and death. He was in essence saying, “Follow me, and I will lead you to the eternal Promised Land, the way your ancestors followed the pillar of fire to their earthly promised land.”

10. What did you learn about the Jehovah’s Witnesses Bible translation regarding John 1:1? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 219)

#### ANSWER



11. Did Jesus equate Himself with God? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 219)

#### ANSWER

12. Did the God of the Old Testament claim to be the only true and living God? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 219–221)

#### ANSWER

Jesus is not a created person as the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses believe. That is also made clear as we see Christ-types or shadowy pictures of Christ in some people of the Old Testament.

#### FURTHER STUDY

Let's begin by defining the phrase "A son of God" and then we will see that Jesus was "The Son of God." We will also see that this distinction has eternal consequences.

#### **Mormons:**

Mormonism teaches that Jesus is a procreated being, the literal offspring of a physical relationship between God the Father and one of His heavenly wives. According to Mormon theology, God the Father, Elohim, dwells on a planet with His many spirit wives producing numerous spirit children who await to inhabit physical bodies so that they too may one day ascend to godhood as their parents did. Jesus is believed to be the firstborn spirit child of Elohim. The Doctrine and Covenants, one of the four sacred books of Mormonism states, "Christ, the Firstborn, was the mightiest of all the spirit children of the Father."

James Talmage, one of the early apostles of the Mormon Church, wrote, "[A]mong the spirit-children of Elohim, the firstborn was and is Jehovah or Jesus Christ to whom all others are juniors" (James Talmage 18, *Articles of Faith*).

Mormons teach that Jesus existed as a spirit child prior to His incarnation. They believe Jesus was an offspring of Elohim, created at some point in time. Mormons quote John 3:16 to support this position.

13. Do a word study on “begotten” from John 3:16 using Strong’s Greek 3439, and write out what you find below:

**ANSWER**

Mormons also quote Colossians 1:15, which identifies Christ as the “firstborn over all creation.”

14. Do a word study on “firstborn,” Strong’s Greek 4416, and write out what you learn:

**ANSWER**

15. David was called “firstborn” in Psalm 89:27. Was he born first in his family? Was David the first king?

**ANSWER**

16. Read John 4:24. Does God the Father have a physical body that He could use to sire a son?

**ANSWER**

The Bible further teaches Jesus is an eternal being who has no beginning.

17. Colossians 1:17 states, “He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” This verse means that:

- A. Jesus was the fruit of a sexual relationship between God and one of His wives.
- B. Jesus the man became divine when He grew in holiness during His ministry.
- C. Jesus existed before anything else existed.

**ANSWER**

18. According to Colossians 1:17, who holds all things together?

- A. The Higgs Boson “god particle.”
- B. Luck.
- C. Jesus.

**ANSWER**

**Jehovah's Witnesses (JW)** also hold a heretical view of Christ.

JWs teach that Jesus Christ was the first created being of Jehovah God. Jehovah God created Jesus at some point in pre-creation time. According to JWs, "This means that he was created before all the other spirit sons of God, and that he is the only one who was directly created by God" (You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, 1982, p. 58).

Furthermore, they believe that "he is also God's 'only-begotten' Son in that he is the only one directly created by Jehovah God; all other things came into existence through him as God's Chief Agent" (The Truth that Leads to Eternal Life: Watchtower Bible and Tract society of New York, p. 47).

19. Let's see what the Bible says about Jesus being "a" son of God. Look up the following: Mark 1:1, Luke 1:35, Luke 3:38, and Luke 22:70. What do these verses say about Jesus?

#### ANSWER

20. Read Matthew 26:63–66. What does the title "Son of God" mean?

#### ANSWER

21. Read Mark 3:11. Who called Jesus the Son of God?

#### ANSWER

22. Read Hebrews 7:3. What do we learn about the Son of God?

#### ANSWER

Jesus was not a super-human species produced from the outcome of a God–Mary union. He was God in flesh, the second person of the Trinity. The next time your doorbell rings, you now know how to engage a confused Mormon or Jehovah's Witness.

# Chapter 21

## Jesus Is My Boyfriend

"And I'm madly in love with you  
And I'm madly in love with you  
And I'm madly in love with you  
And I'm madly in love with you. "

- Passion Worship  
*Madly*

# Jesus Is My Boyfriend

## INTRODUCTION

Far too many people sing about Jesus like they are singing to their boyfriend. Jesus is not our boyfriend; Jesus is pictured in the Bible in a far more profound way. He is not the sweaty, nervous groom standing at the altar waiting for His bride to appear. Instead, Jesus is the divine bridegroom whose bride is the church, which He purchased with His blood.

## REMOVING THE MASK

It is time to rip the “boyfriend mask” off Jesus and reveal our glorious bridegroom who planned, provided, and will bring to culmination the greatest wedding celebration ever.

1. What traditional wedding vows allude to Genesis 2:23–25? (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 224)

## ANSWER

2. What are the five reasons God created marriage? (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 224–225)

## ANSWER

3. What is the picture that marriage paints? (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 225)

## ANSWER

4. In what way can marriage be a testimony to the pagan world? (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 225)

## ANSWER

5. If marriage is a picture of our relationship with Jesus, the bridegroom, why shouldn't we sing ooey gooey love songs to Him?

ANSWER

Let's look at the twelve first-century marriage customs to see imagery that describes Jesus and His relationship to His bride, the Church (*Jesus Unmasked* pages 225–229).

Bridal Selection (*Jesus Unmasked* page 225)

6. Who selected the bride?

ANSWER

7. What do you learn from Ephesians 1:3–6?

ANSWER

Legal contract/covenant (*Jesus Unmasked* pages 225–226)

8. What did the groom promise?

ANSWER

9. What did the bride promise?

ANSWER

10. What do you learn from 1 Corinthians 6:20?

ANSWER

**Bridal Payment** (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 226)

11. Who paid it?

ANSWER

12. What did it signify?

ANSWER

13. List where we see this in the Bible.

ANSWER

14. Has Jesus paid a bridal payment? (1 Peter 1:18–19)

ANSWER

**The Betrothal** (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 226)

15. This was the separation time prior to the wedding. The couple prepared to enter into the marriage during this time. How is a betrothal different from an engagement? (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 226)

ANSWER

16. Why does God hate divorce? (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 226)

ANSWER

17. What does John 10:28 say about God's betrothal to us?

ANSWER

18. What comfort do you receive from this?

ANSWER

**The Betrothal Ceremony** (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 226)

This is the ceremony whereby the couple publicly expresses their intention to become engaged.

19. The canopy, or huppah, symbolized a new \_\_\_\_\_ being planned.

ANSWER

20. What two other elements were performed in the betrothal ceremony? (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 226)

ANSWER

21. Matthew 26:27–29 illustrates parallel imagery between Christ and the betrothal ceremony. What did you learn from reading the passage? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 226)

ANSWER

**The Betrothal Period** (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 227)

22. This was the one-year period of time from the betrothal ceremony to the wedding. What was the couple's status at this time?

ANSWER

23. Was there still a separation?

ANSWER



24. Who is a good example of this?

ANSWER

25. Do we, the bride of Christ, have a betrothal period?

ANSWER

**Post Betrothal Ceremony** (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 227)

26. What would the groom do after the betrothal ceremony?

ANSWER

27. The groom would leave a gift as a reminder to the bride. What is the reminder?

ANSWER

28. Have we received a gift from our groom?

ANSWER

**Betrothal Period – groom** (*Jesus Unmasked* page 227)

29. Upon returning to their homes, what obligations did the groom have to fulfill?

ANSWER

30. How was this typically done?

ANSWER

31. Who determines when the new addition is ready?

ANSWER

32. Once it was deemed ready, what would the groom do?

ANSWER

33. According to Matthew 24:36, who determines when our Groom will come to receive us?

ANSWER

34. Has our groom, Jesus, prepared a dwelling place for us? (John 14:2–3)

ANSWER

**Betrothal Period—bride** (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 227)

35. What was the bride to do during this time?

ANSWER

36. Would the bride know the time of the groom's coming?

ANSWER

37. In light of that, what would be the bride's focus?

ANSWER

38. What is our charge during our waiting time for the groom? (1 Thessalonians 5:2–6; Matthew 25:13)

ANSWER

39. Why was it important for the bride to be busy preparing? (Ephesians 5:27)

ANSWER

### **The Wedding Day** (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 228)

40. Once the day arrived when the father of the groom decided the dwelling place was ready, what would happen?

**ANSWER**

41. What would this member of the bridegroom's party do?

**ANSWER**

42. Will we have an announcement of our "wedding day" to our bridegroom? (1 Thessalonians 4:16)?

**ANSWER**

### **The Wedding Day—Continued** (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 228)

The entire wedding party would walk in procession to the site of the wedding ceremony.

43. Will we have a procession for our wedding day? (Revelation 19:14, 19)

**ANSWER**

44. The new couple would ultimately move into their new home. Will we have a new home with our bridegroom?

**ANSWER**

45. In what way will we be a gift to Jesus at the wedding celebration of the Lamb? (*Jesus Unmasked*, page 229)

**ANSWER**

46. Why doesn't it make sense if someone says they love Jesus, but they don't love the Church?

### ANSWER

The bridegroom imagery in the Bible far transcends an earthly marriage between a husband and wife, and it most certainly transcends the notion that Jesus is our boyfriend.

# Epilogue

**Congratulations!** You made it all the way through the study. While the amount of work you have done is considerable and commendable, you have only seen the tip of the iceberg. Jesus, the Son of God, is everywhere in the Bible if we know where and how to look for Him.

It is our hope that you have been persuaded of two things:

1. The Bible is a continuous, coherent, supernatural book that reveals who God is and what man must do to be saved.
2. That Jesus is God, and nothing less.

Thank you very much for doing this study. It is our prayer that God will use what you have learned not simply to out-debate skeptics, but to grow in your love and devotion to the God who died to save sinners.