



# THE LIFE OF JESUS

Message 11  
Identity of Jesus  
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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to deepen your faith and stir meaningful conversations with friends and family.

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## Opening

How has your image of God changed over the years?

## Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Mark 3:20-22](#) (This is the first part of Reading #63 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. Jesus had just healed a man who was demon-possessed. His teaching and miracles were astounding. How were each of these groups responding: the crowds, His own family, the Scribes and Pharisees?
2. Who is Jesus to you?
3. If Jesus brings life and healing and restoration, why do so many people reject Him? Think of people in your circles who are opposed to Christ. What is the *real cause* (or source) of their rejection?
4. What did Perry mean in his presentation of Jesus being either a *Lunatic, Liar, or Lord*? What is your reaction to this line of thinking?
5. How would you respond to someone who says Jesus is a great moral teacher, but not actually God?
6. How does God want His followers to respond to people who have objections? See also [Proverbs 15:1-2](#); [Isaiah 55:10-11](#); [Acts 22:15](#); [Philippians 1:27-30](#); [2 Timothy 2:24-25](#); [1 Peter 2:12](#); [3:15-17](#).
7. How equipped do you feel in sharing the message of Jesus with others?

Read [Matthew 12:46-50](#) (Reading #65 in *The Life of Jesus*).

8. Summarize the main point of Jesus' response to the person in the crowd.
9. If someone receives Jesus as *Savior*, why also must that person surrender to Jesus as *Lord*? See also [Romans 10:9-13](#); [2 Corinthians 5:14-15](#).
10. How could this week's message be relevant in a conversation between you and a friend or co-worker? Be specific.
11. What is one of the most important things you learned from this week's message? What is God saying to you?

## Soul Training

Write out a prayer to God in response to this week's message. This will help you develop *the practice of ongoing conversation with God*.

## Memory Verse

*Anyone who is not with Me is against Me, and anyone who does not gather with Me scatters.*

[Matthew 12:30 \(HCSB\)](#)

## Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
Mar 13	61-62		<a href="#">Luke 8:1-3</a> ; <a href="#">Matthew 12:22-24</a>
Mar 14	63		<a href="#">Matthew 12:25-37</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 3:20-30</a>
Mar 15	64		<a href="#">Matthew 12:38-45</a>
Mar 16	65		<a href="#">Matthew 12:46-50</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 3:31-35</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 8:19-21</a>
Mar 17	66		<a href="#">Matthew 13:1-9</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 4:1-9</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 8:4-8</a>

## Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, March 19, we'll look at *The Parable of the Sower and the Seed*. To prepare, read [Matthew 13:1-9](#), [18-23](#) (Readings #66, 68 in *The Life of Jesus*).



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