

Who Is Jesus?

Week 1: Jesus is our Healer

Welcome Question

“Who is Jesus?”

Introduction

Hi everyone! We are kicking off a brand new series today called “Who is Jesus?” In this series, we’re going to do a little investigating to find out who Jesus really is. We pretty much know about Jesus’ birth and even His death and resurrection, but now it’s time for us to find out all that stuff in between. Our welcome question today asked, “Who is Jesus”? Let’s go over your answers now. *(go over answers written)* One very important part of Jesus’ life was all the healings He did. Why did He do those healings? What was His angle? Today we’re going to find out!

Large Group Lesson

This is Case #322, the Healer. I have four different witness accounts of Jesus’ healing. Today, we’re going to divide into four groups and go over our evidence. It’s your job to ask the tough questions: Who? Why? When? And then report your findings to the group. This might involve you getting a little creative. Are you up to the challenge?

Jesus’ Healings Case Studies

Pass out manila folders marked “evidence” for each grade. Each small group will use their file to study scripture related to Jesus’ healings. Give the groups time to complete their study, then bring them back for a long group recap. (if time permits, they will complete their Bible challenge at the end).

K-1: Leper, Matthew 8:1-4

1-2: Blind Man, Mark 8:22-26

3rd: Demons, Matthew 8:28-34

4th: Jairus’ Daughter, Mark 5: 21-24 & 35-43

Recap Discussion:

Allow each group to come together and share the findings from their investigations, then wrap-up the lesson.

Today, we learned a lot about who Jesus is a **Healer**. Jesus kept the things he did pretty quiet. Do you think we should “show off” the things we do for others? Why or why not? Jesus wanted God to get the ultimate glory for those healings, just as we should want God to get the glory when we do things for others. Jesus loved others and he wanted to show them how much God loved them too.

Jesus helped many, many people just like we heard in the four stories today. There are so many more stories we could hear and learn about. Jesus came into the world and started fixing it. **Psalm 147:3** says, “*He heals the brokenhearted. He bandages their wounds*”. Jesus didn’t just come to fix people on the outside, he came to fix them on the inside. To heal their hearts and allow them to have a forever relationship with God.

Closing

Our investigation of “Who is Jesus?” will continue next week. I hope to see all of you super sleuths here to help carry out our mission. Let’s pray.

If time remains, dismiss back to small groups for Bible Challenge. If no time remains, pass out verse cards.

Case #322
Evidence #1
Jesus Heals a Leper

Name of Witness: Matthew

Personal Testimony of Witness:

*"When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. 2 And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." 3 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them." **Matthew 8:1-4***

Evidence Report:

Who did Jesus heal? _____

What did Jesus heal them from? _____

Why did Jesus heal this person? _____

Who did Jesus tell the person to go see? _____

Why was Jesus so secretive? _____

Why would Jesus help this person? _____

What does this tell us about who Jesus is? _____

Take a few minutes to go over your report. Plan to share your findings with the group. You can act out the story, draw the story or come up with another way to share what you've learned with the group.

Case #322
Evidence #2
Jesus Heals a Blind Man

Name of Witness: Mark

Personal Testimony of Witness:

"And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. 23 And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" 24 And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." 25 Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. 26 And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village." Mark 8:22-26

Evidence Report:

Who did Jesus heal? _____

What did Jesus heal them from? _____

Why did Jesus heal this person? _____

Who did Jesus say to the person after they were healed?

Why was Jesus so secretive? _____

Why would Jesus help this person? _____

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Case #322
Evidence #3
Jesus Heals Two Men

Name of Witness: Matthew

Personal Testimony of Witness:

*28 And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed^[f] men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. 29 And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" 30 Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. 31 And the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs." 32 And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters. 33 The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men. 34 And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their region. **Matthew 8:28-34***

Evidence Report:

Who did Jesus heal? _____

What did Jesus heal them from? _____

Why did Jesus heal these men? _____

How did the other witnesses respond? _____

Why did they want Jesus to leave? _____

Why would Jesus help these men? _____

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Case #322
Evidence #4
Jesus Heals a Young Girl

Name of Witness: Mark

Personal Testimony of Witness:

21 And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. 22 Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet 23 and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." 24 And he went with him. Mark 5: 21-24

"35 While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" 36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." 37 And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. 38 They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus^[f] saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.39 And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." 40 And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. 41 Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." 42 And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. 43 And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat. Mark 5:35-43

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Who is Jesus? Week 1 Bible Challenge

Bible Challenge will only be completed if time remains after large group recap

This week's Memory Verse:

"He heals the brokenhearted. He bandages their wounds". Psalm 147:3

Go over this week's verse. Say it together a few times. Then transition into the Bible Challenge activity.

Bandage It Up!

Supplies: *verse cards, band aids, bandage wraps, markers*

K-1 Version: Chant the verse together as you wrap one child up in bandage wrap. Unroll that child and say it again wrapping a new child. *Variation: Say the verse and pass the bandage wrap over/under as the kids stand in a line.*

2-4 Version: Split your group into two teams. Each team will have bandaids and one marker. One child for each team will be the "person in need of healing". The teams will race each other, opening bandaids and writing one word of the memory verse on the bandage. Then they must place it on their "person" in the correct order. The first one to do so wins!

Prayer: Ask children if they have any prayer needs and then close in prayer.