

Introduction

Story: Jose Luis is a man in Miami, FL who had claimed to be God.

- Everybody say "That's messed up."
- Jose Luis was a heroine addict and spent time in jail in his teenage years.
- He had a vision of 2 angels that came to him, and then he became Jesus.
- He got married, but after many affairs, his wife left him even though he threatened her
- He got so popular in Miami, FL that he had 2 million followers in 30 countries
- His message was that there was no such thing as sin. Live however you want!
- He later called himself the Anti-Christ and to not follow the teachings of Jesus.
- His followers started getting 666 tattoos on themselves and even their children.
- This dude owed over \$40,000 in debt to casinos.
- His followers believed that they would be able to walk through walls on transformation day in 2012.
- Some of his followers still celebrate Christmas on April 22 which was his birthday.

Series

The Jesus Series is all about Jesus. There's so much to know about Him!

How would you answer the most important question, "Who is Jesus?"

Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:15-16)"

There is so much in that answer!

What all is there really to know?

In this series, we will go through:

Is Jesus really God?

How could Jesus be a human being?

What did Jesus really do on earth?

Did Jesus have to die

Did Jesus really rise from the dead?

How does Jesus interact with me today?

1. Believe the unbelievable that Jesus is God.

Because we hear this all the time, sometimes we have to remember how unbelievable this is!

The Pharisees could not grasp or believe that Jesus of Nazareth is God.

John 10:24-26 24So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." 25Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, 26but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep.

Jesus is not only the Son of God, but He's also God the Son. Jesus is just as much God as both God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus is not God Jr. He wasn't chosen to be God as His birth. We are saying that Jesus has always been fully God, He is fully God, He will always

be fully God, there was never a time that He wasn't fully God, and there will never be a time that He won't be fully God!

Application: Make every issue about Jesus.

Parents, be careful to just say “my house, my rules” or “don’t forget your family name.” Our ultimate goal the name of Jesus and following His commands.

Students, remember that your ultimate goal is obeying Jesus. Some of you may have parents who aren’t here. They may not even want you here. Remember that Jesus makes you a better son or daughter.

2. Jesus claimed to be God.

Once you claim to be God, you lose all credibility.

Story: Student (Michelle) who struggled with assurance. Couldn’t believe Jesus is God.

Scriptures where Jesus claimed to be God.

John 10:30 “I and the Father are one.”

John 10:38 “The Father is in Me, and I am in the Father.”

John 14:9 “If you’ve seen me, you’ve seen The Father.”

John 5:18 “This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.”

There are many passages where Jesus claimed to be God.

His followers claimed He is God.

Jesus’ Mother Mary.

Jesus’ Cousin, John the Baptist.

Jesus’ Brother, James.

Jesus’ Disciple, Peter.

Jesus’ Enemy: The Apostle Paul.

Jesus’ followers were killed for their faith.

Many have thought, “Well of course they claimed He is God. It is because they wanted a piece of the pie, a part of the limelight, or they wanted to be in Jesus’ posse.

Some have falsely followed fake gods, but no one dies for a lie.

John was boiled in oil and abandoned to a deserted island (Revelation).

Stephen was stoned (Acts).

Peter was crucified upside down (church history).

The Apostle Paul was beheaded (church history).

Jesus’ own brother James was thrown 100 feet down off the temple. Still alive, then beaten to death.

We won’t be willing to die for Jesus unless we’re willing to live for Him.

The one thing harder than dying for Jesus is living for Him every day.

Because these are all from the Scriptures, God is saying Jesus is God!

Application: Just like Jesus and His Father are one, families are one.

Jesus and His Father are One because they are family.

Fight for each other, not against each other.

Because Jesus is God, work on unity!

What Causes Family Fights Most:

Students your parents are not God.

They are not perfect. Treat them through the Gospel.

Parents, your kids are not your God.

Your life is not defined by what your kids do.

Your life is defined by what Jesus did for you!

(Parents who live their life through their kids.

3. Jesus' life proved He is God.

Jesus' lifestyle backed up His claim to be God. Our lifestyle must backup our belief.

John 10:37-38 37 If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; 38 but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works.

Story: Surfer Dan. Even though he claimed to be a surfer, his life didn't prove it.

Jesus forgave sins. We should forgive each other at home. We need to say things like "I forgive you." "Will you forgive me?"

Jesus sinlessly resisted temptation. We should resist temptation toward each other.

Jesus perfectly obeyed His Heavenly Father. Students should obey their parents.

Jesus had a perfect relationship with His Heavenly Father. We should have a growing relationship with God and with each other.

Jesus made disciples. Parents, your primary priority is discipling your student!

Parents, discipling your student is your primary priority!

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 *4Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

Disciple Making: Bible, Gospel, Personal

How Liberty Students will live believing He is God.

1. **Gospel: Wednesday Nights:** we will preach Jesus weekly.
2. **Relational: Sunday Mornings:** we will discuss Jesus weekly.
3. **Disciple: Disciple Making Groups:** we will follow Jesus weekly.
4. **Missional: Campus Ministry:** we will share Jesus weekly.
5. **Events:** we will take special times to worship and share Jesus annually.
 - **DNOW Weekend.** January 27-29. \$40
 - **Mission Trips.** April 3-7. \$300 (MS), \$500 (HS), \$1500 (UK)
 - **Chi Alpha.** The week after school is out for summer. Date. \$500
 - **Camp.** July 31 - August 4. \$300

Gospel

Story: Pastor telling His Bible study that they didn't have to believe in Jesus as God to be saved.

Why Jesus must be God for the Gospel to be true:

Jesus had to live in sinless perfection.
Jesus had to die an acceptable death.
Jesus had to rise from the dead.
Jesus had to ascend back to heaven.

Story

Jesus is not only God in our faith, but Jesus is also God in our life.

Monday night, my wife was having a very emotional time about her mother's death. She cried while I held her. She was very honest with me about her feelings. I tried to help, make her laugh a little, and I prayed for her. She still cried. There's not much I can do besides hold her, listen to her, and pray for her.

The next morning, I was looking out our bathroom window, and I finally saw the neighborhood eagle right outside our backyard fence. I called down to my wife to not let our 5 pound Yorkie, Max, out. I went out to the backyard, and the eagle was now perched on our next-door neighbors fence just feet away from us. We saw his huge talons (eagle claws) grip the fence as he was walking like a creeper back and forth on the fence. We just stood there in awe of this massive bird. It was such a powerful moment.

My wife texted me a couple of hours later. While she was in the Word later that morning doing her devotions, she looked at a bookmark with her mom's picture. At the bottom of the bookmark she read her mom's favorite verse, Isaiah 30:41 "we shall mount up on eagles like eagles." Jesus, my wife's God, powerfully communicated to her that He sees her. He is near to the brokenhearted. He's not just God biblically or theologically, but

He's also God presently! We both thanked Jesus our God that day for such a powerful way that He displayed to us His love!

Invitation

**Believe the Unbelievable.
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Jesus' life proved He's God.**

**Grow in your faith that Jesus is God.
Saved and or baptized.
Join our student ministry and serve.**