



Who is Jesus?, Pt. 4: The Great Divide

People generally have a positive view of Jesus. But engage someone in a conversation about Jesus, and tensions may rise a bit. Why is that? He was a teacher whose primary ethic was love and service, so why would people become uneasy with a conversation about Jesus? Maybe it is because Jesus made some pretty stark claims about himself; claims that cause people to make a choice one way or the other.

Bottom Line: Jesus is the bridge to God.

Discussion Questions

1. In today's culture, what qualities about Jesus are most admired - even by people who don't believe he was anything more than a religious, moral teacher? What qualities about Jesus do you admire most?
2. **Read Leviticus 19:18 and John 13:34-35.** In what way was Jesus' command new? What was different about it? What is difficult about following this command?
3. **Read Luke 12:49-53.** How is Jesus' statement here different than the way people commonly perceive him? Why do you think he made this statement? What is your reaction to his statement?
4. **Read John 14:6.** What is your reaction to Jesus' claim? A common belief is that there are many paths or ways to God. In what ways does Jesus statement leave room for this belief? Why do people have a negative reaction to Jesus' claim? Have you ever had a conversation with a person who disagrees with Jesus' claim? Discuss.
5. **Read John 14:1-11.** What are the claims that Jesus makes in these verses? Are these claims unifying or divisive? Discuss.
6. Think about your current life. If Jesus is the way - in what areas of your life do you need to follow him more closely? If Jesus is the truth - in what things do you need to believe him more? If Jesus is the life - how are you receiving him daily?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?