

Who Is This Man?

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As you engage in this discussion, follow the Spirit's leading and share your thoughts as you reflect on the message. You can work through the discussion by reading Scripture and reflecting on a couple of questions and points from the message.

Opening Question:

How would you answer the question "Who Is This Man?"

Scriptures referenced:

Mark 4:37-39

Luke 2:9-11

2 Corinthians 4:5

Exodus 3:14

Psalms 110:1

Philippians 2:6-11

Colossians 3:17

1 Corinthians 8:5-6

Luke 6:46

A FEW QUESTIONS TO PONDER DURING YOUR DISCUSSION:

- Was there something new you learned from this message? Or something that you were reminded of?
- Was there anything that challenged you?
- What was most encouraging? What verses or thoughts spoke to you?
- What implications do these Scriptures have for our lives and faith?
- What does the message illuminate about God's character?

A FEW POINTS AND QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

Stephen mentioned that all of us have thoughts and opinions on Jesus.

Share some of your previous thoughts on Jesus and your current thoughts. How have they changed, and what changed them?

The word for Lord in the New Testament means master. We also know Lord was attached to early Christians' confessions of faith. To acknowledge Jesus as Lord was to identify as a Christian. Does that still ring true today?

The Roman emperors of the time had issues with Christians, not because of their beliefs, but because of their allegiance that differed from the world around them. Lord was a title that

had political and social ramifications and meant, if Jesus was Lord, then Caesar was not. And Christians confessed that the one who was ruling and reigning was Jesus. What does that tension look like for us today?

The Balcony vs. The Road Experience. The balcony was about observation at a distance from what was happening below. Often in our relationship with God, we have a "balconized" experience. It's an idealization, an ivory tower, where our association is merely peripheral. Jesus always invites a lived experience on the road walking with Him. As you look at your relationship with God, what is your experience? How would you like to see it change?

CLOSING: PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR GROUP

Feel free to circle back to any points or verses shared above.

Conclude your time in prayer.

How does this message lead you to pray?