

Cracking the Da Vinci Code Series

Does It Matter What We Believe About Jesus?

Was Jesus Really Human?

- How was he like us?
 - *Physical birth*
 - *Total dependence on others*
 - *Toilet trained*
 - *Hungry*
 - *Thirsty*
 - *Tired*
 - *Sweaty*
 - *Disappointed*
 - *Angry*
 - *Ornery*
 - *Funny*
 - *Amazed*
 - *Anxious*
 - *Bled*
 - *Hurt*
 - *Died*
- Why is this important?
 - Hebrews 2: 14; Philippians 2: 7; Hebrews 4: 15

Was Jesus Really God?

- What evidence do we have?
 - His unusual birth
 - His outlandish claims

The following is not in the bulletin, but please include...

"I am the bread of life" (John 6:35,48,51).

"I am the light of the world" (John 8:12).

"I am the door of the sheep"(John 10:7,9).

"I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11,14).

"I am the resurrection, and the life" (John 11:25).

"I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

"I am the true vine" (John 15:1,5).

- His confirming miracles

Pics of Feeding of 5,000, Feeding of 4,000; restored sight to the blind man; raised Lazarus from the dead

- His fulfillment of prophecy
- His resurrection
- Why is this important?
 - Romans 5: 6-11 – this debt could not be paid by us...

What Was Jesus Like?

- Did He have much of a personality?
- Did He hate being here...what a demotion to go from heaven to earth!
- What kind of impact did He make?

Did He Have an Agenda?

- To do the will of His Father (John 6: 38-40)
- Not to condemn the world, but to save it (John 3: 17)
- To fulfill the Law and Prophets (Matthew 5: 17)
- To testify to truth (John 18: 37)
- To give life abundantly (John 10:10)
- To destroy the works of the devil (I John 3: 8)
- To give His life as a ransom (Matthew 20: 28)

Why Does It Matter What I Believe?

- Ultimately, it is the only thing that matters....
- Matthew 16: 13-16