



“Who Is Jesus?”

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Introduction – *When Jesus began His ministry, people struggled to make sense of who He really was. Today we look at the three working theories that attempt to account for His audacious claims.*

I. Who Is Jesus?

- A. The three working theories:
 - 1. Lunatic
 - 2. Liar
 - 3. LORD
- B. Jesus’ own family thought He had lost His mind.
- C. The Scribes concluded that Jesus was a demon-possessed deceiver.
- D. Jesus’ early followers believed He was the Christ, the Son of God.
- E. In modern times we see yet another theory put forward to explain Jesus – He was a good man and a great teacher.

II. Jesus Identifies Himself.

- A. Jesus points out the absurdity of the Scribe’s accusation by responding with parables.

“How can Satan cast out Satan?”
- B. In the first metaphor Jesus likens the world to a kingdom.
- C. In the second metaphor Jesus likens the world to a house, or a castle.
- D. Jesus is the “divine Warrior” of prophecy on who we have set our hope.

III. The Power of the Gospel.

- A. God’s power to defeat evil is seen in the weakness of the cross, and forever changes what it means to defeat evil.
- B. Evil is defeated not by returning evil, but by returning good.
- C. God gives us the power to do that when we believe the Gospel.

Conclusion