



Part 4: Jesus VS. Myth // Mark Clark (August 2, 2020)

Tips for Participating in Online Discussions:

- Turn on all the lights in your room.
- Mute yourself when you're listening to others.
- Use people's names a lot to draw each other in.
- Put your camera at eye level.
- Speak a little louder than normal.

Message Recap: Was Jesus really all that Christians believe him to be? What if Jesus was just a "good guy" doing good things? Was he a prophet or the saviour of the world? What is Jesus really all about? Let's explore how understanding who Jesus is changes everything.

Scripture: [1 Corinthians 15](#); [Colossians 2:16-17](#)

Bottom Line: Give your life to the one who offered His life for the eternal transformation of yours.

Getting Started:

1. What stuck out to you from the message on Sunday? Did anything Mark shared cause you to reconsider a position you previously held?
2. What is your experience with conspiracy theories? How does your own experience with them influence your understanding of them?

Jumping In:

3. Discuss what you do to come to a conclusion on what to believe. How far do you regularly go to justify your beliefs? Do you pursue the original texts, or rely on secondary sources? What benefit does critical study play in developing our faith position?
4. Have you contemplated, or heard about the "Christ Myth" before? Discuss the ramifications this would have for Christianity if it were true. If rendered false, what ramifications does it have for humankind?

Discuss:

5. Discuss how the eyewitness accounts of the physical resurrection of Jesus substantiated the claim that he existed, and caused Christianity to rapidly grow in the Roman Empire.
6. How important, even in a postmodern western world, is the continued push for actual truth/history versus just settling for vaguely assumed critiques? Discuss the role objective truth has on the foundation of our faith.
7. Take time to read [1 Corinthians 15](#) as a group. How do these words from Paul encourage you in your faith personally? What might you share from this passage with someone who hasn't experienced the love of Jesus?
8. Looking back, is there a time where you can now see that God was at work in your life before you knew it? Why do you think perspective (like that) is helpful to think about?

Remember:

If you consider anything in isolation, you can make it say anything you want. Look to the fullness of Jesus as you think about who He is. Reflect on the words of 1 Corinthians 15 and what that means for each one of you individually. Jesus endured the ultimate sacrifice so that you might experience His love and grace completely in your life today.

Moving Forward:

As we wrap up this series from Mark on opposing ideas, think about a friend you can share this message with. Pray that God would open the doors to have loving, honest conversations and that the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with them would not pass us by. Consider sharing the name of the person you'd like to share this message with in your group discussion so they can be praying for you too!