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Who is Jesus, Really?

John 4:1-42



The Encounter

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Questions based on the sermon from March 2, 2025

Getting to Know Me

1. Our testimonies are powerful (Rev. 12:11). What really connected with you from the testimonies shared during baptisms on Sunday?
2. As you consider different world religions and unbiblical views of Jesus, what stands out to you?
3. Jesus went out of his way to meet the woman at the well, who was a bit of an outsider. When have you felt like the outsider, and when has someone gone out of their way for you?

Digging Deeper

4. What do each of the following verses reveal about the progressive change in the woman's view of Jesus?
 - John 4:11-15
 - John 4:16-19
 - John 4:29-30
5. The passage in John 4:16-19 sounds on the surface like a "gotcha" moment, but what in her response indicates she wasn't being shamed by him?
6. What detail is added to the story in verse 28 (hint: she went out there to get water), and why do you think John may have included this fact?

7. Imagine being one of the townspeople that knew (or maybe participated in) her broken relationships. What would keep them from discrediting her and prompt them to go "see for themselves" (v.29)?
8. Read John 8:58-59. What is Jesus claiming that would provoke such a reaction from the Jewish religious leaders?
9. Read John 17:1-5. What claims does Jesus make about himself in this prayer to his Heavenly Father?

Making it Personal:

10. How did you progress through your original ideas about (or ignorance of) who Jesus is to where you are today? And how convinced are you that he is who he says he is?
11. How would you answer the question, "Who is Jesus, really?" And how would you defend your position if someone suggests that Jesus never claimed to be God or that he was just a good moral teacher or a prophet?
12. What can we learn from the way Jesus spoke to the woman about how to help others understand who He is?
13. When was someone's personal testimony or experience in Christ so compelling that it moved you to take action?

Prayer:

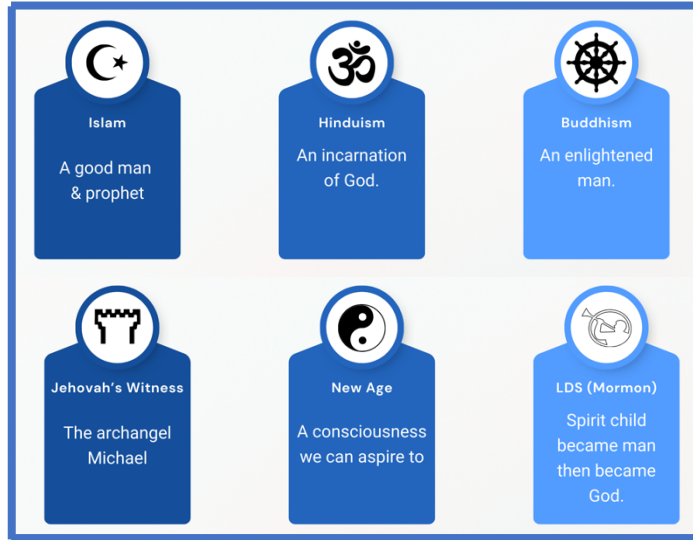
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