

Liar, Lunatic, Legend or Lord?

Q – Where does the term Christian come from?

- Antioch after Jesus had ascended to heaven – means “of Christ”

Q – Why do you believe in Jesus?

Q – What are some things we know about Jesus?

Q – Can we prove the existence of Jesus? --- YES!

- Proven by historical documents (both Christian and non-Christian historians) and archaeology

### **John 14:5-11**

Vs 11 – Jesus makes a very bold claim that He is the Son of God *and* that he and God are one.

- BOLD STATEMENT
- We have to come to the bottom of this because there are some very important consequences in whether we believe in Jesus or not.

When Jesus makes a statement like this, there can be four different possibilities of who Jesus was...**Liar, a Lunatic, a Legend, or actually our Lord/the Son of God.**

### **LIAR – “Jesus lied when he said he was the Son of God”**

Many people think Jesus was a great moral teacher...

- Q – What are some good and moral teachings that come from Jesus?

Q – Can someone be a great moral teacher and a liar?

- Yes – but that makes them one massive hypocrite
- Jesus could hardly be a great moral teacher if he was deliberately lying on the most basic issue of who he was.

### **LUNATIC – “Jesus *thought* He was the Song of God when He wasn’t”**

For some, this would make sense when we look at some of Jesus’ teachings...

- Q - What are some things that Jesus taught that would have seemed crazy to his audience?
  - Love your enemies
  - Taught against traditions that had been around for ages
  - Taught in a lot of stories and parables that people could misunderstand
  - Example – **John 6:51-54**

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Q – How can we know that Jesus wasn't a lunatic?

**Legend – “Jesus didn't think He was the Son of God – His disciples put that in after he died.”**

Q – Could this be a possibility?

- Why – because men were responsible for writing the Bible
- Why Not – all of the books were written by 70AD
  - Example – like writing a biography of John F Kennedy and saying He was the Son of God

**Lord – “Jesus was telling the truth that He is the Son of God.”**

Q – What evidence do we have that proves that Jesus was the Son of God?

- Practiced what he preached
- Miracles – things that absolutely cannot happen with divine power
  - Q – What are some of Jesus' miracles?
- Resurrection

Q – If Jesus was telling the truth about being the Son of God, what does that mean for us?

- Back to **John 14:6** – Jesus is the way to the Father
- His teaching are from God
- What he taught must be true – both his promises (inspiration and encouragement) and his warnings (judgment)

You have to decide what you believe – but know that what we believe comes with grave consequences.