



Discussion Guide 2

September 9

Who is Jesus?

1. Before the talk tonight, what was your concept of Jesus? Has it changed in any way?

2. Did Jesus exist? What evidence do we have?

Ancient writings.

The Bible (Old Testament, New Testament)

3. Was Jesus fully human?

He had a human body: *Tired (John 4:6); Hungry (Matthew 4:2)*

He had human emotions: *Anger (Mark 11:15-17); Love (Mark 10:21); Sadness (John 11:32-36)*

He had human experiences: *Temptation (Mark 1:13); Learning (Luke 2:46); Work (Mark 6:3);*

Obedience (Luke 2:51)

4. What did Jesus say about himself?

Indirect claims: *To forgive sins (Mark 2:5); To judge the world (Matthew 25:31)*

Direct claims: *Messiah (Mark 14:61-62); Son of God (Mark 14:61);*

God the Son (John 20:26-29); "I and the Father are one." (John 10:30)

5. What evidence is there to support His claims?

His absence from the tomb

His presence with the disciples

Immediate effect (birth and growth of Christian church)

Effect down the ages

6. What aspect of the evidence tonight did you find convincing or not convincing?

a. Are there lingering questions you have about Jesus?

7. If you were talking to a friend and wanted to tell him or her who you think Jesus is, what would you say?