

## OPENING THOUGHT

FROM THE START, JESUS STIRRED CONVERSATIONS AND CONTROVERSY. HIS WORDS WEREN'T SAFE, HIS ACTIONS WEREN'T EXPECTED, AND HIS IDENTITY COULDN'T BE IGNORED. TODAY, WE EXPLORE THE SAME TIMELESS QUESTION THAT DIVIDED THE CROWD: WHO IS THIS MAN TO YOU?

## KEY SCRIPTURE VERSES

- JOHN 7:28-29
- JOHN 7:37-38
- JOHN 7:43

JOHN 7:43 (NLT) - 'SO THE CROWD WAS DIVIDED ABOUT HIM.'

## KEY POINTS

- JESUS DIDN'T FIT INTO CULTURAL OR RELIGIOUS EXPECTATIONS.
- THE CROWD WAS DIVIDED ABOUT HIS IDENTITY: PROPHET, DECEIVER, MESSIAH.
- C.S. LEWIS' ARGUMENT PRESENTS THREE OPTIONS: LUNATIC, LIAR, OR LORD.
- JESUS' LIFE AND ACTIONS DISCREDIT THE POSSIBILITY OF HIM BEING A LUNATIC OR LIAR.
- IF HE IS LORD, THEN OUR RESPONSE MUST REFLECT THAT TRUTH

## 5 DISCUSSION QUESTION'S

1. WHY DO YOU THINK JESUS CAUSED SUCH STRONG AND MIXED REACTIONS FROM THE CROWD?
2. HOW DOES C.S. LEWIS' LORD, LIAR, OR LUNATIC ARGUMENT IMPACT YOUR VIEW OF JESUS?
3. WHAT EVIDENCE IN JESUS' LIFE CONTRADICTS THE CLAIM THAT HE WAS MENTALLY UNSTABLE OR DECEITFUL?
4. HOW DOES ACCEPTING JESUS AS LORD INFLUENCE YOUR DAY-TO-DAY CHOICES?
5. WHO IS JESUS TO YOU-PERSONALLY-AND HOW ARE YOU RESPONDING TO THAT TRUTH?

## CLOSING ENCOURAGEMENT

JESUS DIDN'T COME TO IMPRESS THE CROWD-HE CAME TO CHANGE LIVES. THE QUESTION STILL ECHOES THROUGH HISTORY AND RIGHT INTO YOUR HEART: WHO IS THIS MAN? DON'T LET THE WORLD ANSWER FOR YOU. DECIDE FOR YOURSELF-AND LET THAT DECISION SHAPE EVERYTHING.