

What We Need To Discover In The Word

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Text: John 6:35-60, 66-69

Introduction: First of all, let's review the broad themes we'll be exploring in 2014. (Refer to last week's notes) Before we can truly discover Jesus, there are a few issues we need to resolve. The first issue is what the Bible says about Jesus.

The idea that Jesus was not different in any way from us is at the heart of most _____ teachings.

Mormons, for instance, teach that Jesus was only one of God's many _____, and that all of us have the same opportunity that Jesus did to make ourselves _____.

Jesus clearly claimed to be the Messiah--the Son of God.

- **Jesus' disciples understood this; that is why they were _____.**
- **Jesus' enemies understood this; that is why they were _____.**

The question of who Jesus really was is the central question of human history! If it wasn't important:

- **Why does it _____ Christians from the adherents of all other religions?**

• Why have many totalitarian governments tried to _____ this faith?

Why, if the entire world understands the importance of the issue of Jesus' identity, do some people who profess to be Christians act as if it is of no major concern?

Some Christians say that Jesus was simply a good _____ teacher, who had a lot of good things to say.

If this is true, Jesus has no _____ over us, and cannot _____ on the promise of Heaven.

Conclusion: We all must decide whether Jesus was a liar, a lunatic, or the Lord, and then live (or die) with the results of our decision.