



Jesus Is \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHO DO**

**SAY**

**I AM?**

**—JESUS**

# Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## FILL IN THE BLANK

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end..."*  
*Revelation 1:8*

**J**esus is \_\_\_\_\_. There are a lot of words that have been and can be used to fill in the blank. Often we use words that describe who he is to us personal. But the question Jesus asks us goes beyond our personal feelings and simple adjectives. Who is Jesus? Who he is defines who you are.



## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Thank you for continuing to be faithful in your giving to the work of God's Kingdom building efforts through Crystal Coast church of the Nazarene.

### **Giving Report for June 28, 2020:**

- ◆ Tithes: \$1800.00
- ◆ Faith Promise:
- ◆ Total \$1800.00

As we have begun our in person worship gatherings, you can worship by placing your tithes and offerings in the collection box on your way into the sanctuary or as you leave. We'd also encourage you to continue to give online as well.

You can give online by [CLICKING HERE](#), or you can mail your offerings to the church @ 4311 Country Club Rd, MHC, NC 28557. For those who are not comfortable giving online or via mail. Also a drop box has been installed by the rear entrance opposite of the church office.

If giving on line, I would recommend that you use the “Bank Account” option rather than the credit card option. By using this option there are no processing fees to cover. If you do choose to use your debit card the processing fee is 1.9%. The company that we have partnered with for our online giving has a good article to help you understand this process, and you can access that [HERE](#).

They also have a great Donor guide that will help you with most of the setup and use questions you may have [HERE](#).



## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Key Points From the Message

*The work of the church has become so high tech, so compartmentalized, so specialized, so program driven, so structural, that somewhere along the way, Jesus has been lost. We are not short on vision, or plans, or even dreams... but we seem to be lacking in Jesus. We are so eager to tell someone about our church; our worship style, our mission statement, our doctrine, that we seldom get around to telling them about Jesus. To say it another way, we have become so consumed by our idea of the church and our focus on mission that we have*

*neglected our Christology. I agree strongly with Hirsch and Frost that we must get our Christology right first, it is preeminent. That will lead us to a better understanding of Missiology followed by a more accurate Ecclesiology. To put it in laymen's terms: get Jesus right first, then get His Mission right, and the Church will be right. –Dr Greg Mason*

*You would be hard pressed to find cultural observers describe contemporary Christianity as a profoundly spiritual movement offering keeping union with a transcendent God and an otherworldly way of life.*

*“The only way we can truly authenticate ourselves as an expression of Christianity is to somehow measure ourselves against the life and teachings of Jesus Christ...” –ReJesus*

*Surely the challenge for the church today is to be taken captive by the agenda of Jesus, rather than seeking to mold him to fit our agendas, no matter how noble they might be. We acknowledge that we can never truly claim to know him completely... The challenge before us is to let Jesus be Jesus and to allow ourselves to be caught up in his extraordinary mission for the world.*

**Reflect:**

Other than Lord, what words have you used to fill in the blank?

What does the word “lord” mean to you? How would you define it for someone with no religious background?

**Discuss:**

What implications do the recent studies studies that show

the average “non-Christian” has a high interest in God, spirituality, Jesus and prayer have for you as a “believer,” and what does that mean for our church?

If these “nones” have know the basics tenants of our faith what do you feel is their biggest hindrance in coming to faith?

Can you answer Jesus’ question, “Who do they say that I am” in relation to your neighbors, coworkers and other people in your sphere of influence?

**Action:**

Ask 3 people (not from church) “Who is Jesus?” Let them tell you who Jesus is to them. (Only tell them who he is to you if they ask, and fight the urge to give a long explanation. Simply share in the same manner as they did who Jesus is to you.)

Ask your social media followers to fill in the blank.