

## Who is Jesus| *what it means to come to faith*

Jesus as Teacher

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Matthew 7:24-29

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**Introduction:** Who is Jesus? What does it mean to come to faith? To some he was a spiritual sage or inspirational model. To others he was a figment of his followers' imagination or an overhyped fraud. Whoever he was, the figure of Jesus has received the devotion of countless people throughout history and changed the course of history like none other. Who did he claim to be? What do the early records show? What does it mean to come to faith in him today?

**Prayer:** Father, we want to hear Jesus "speak for himself" in this text. Amen

**Review:** Did you find your belief in Jesus confirmed this week? If so, how did you experience this confirmation?

**Read:** Matthew 7:24-29

**Discussion:**

1. What is the "rock" referred to in verse 24?
2. Review the two requirements for the wise builder.
3. Have you ever experienced a storm, of nature or otherwise, like that described in verses 25 and 27? How did you survive? Explain.
4. What did the foolish builder lack?
5. Why were the crowds (many people) amazed? What does teaching with "authority" mean to you? What does it sound like?

**Application:** Make sure your "house" is built on the rock.

**Prayer:** Father, we are grateful for this text which shows Jesus as a teacher. Amen