

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

Jesus as Friend

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Luke 7:28-35

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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: Lord God, give us your guidance as we study your word. Amen.

Review: What attribute of Jesus did you ponder this week? How did that help you to know Jesus better?

Read: Luke 7:28-35

Discussion:

1. What do you know about John the Baptist and his ministry? Share what you know. Use a Bible concordance or search your Bible app to find scriptures.
2. What does Jesus say about the kingdom of God? See also Matthew 7:21 and John 3:3-8
3. What two groups of people are listed in verses 29 and 30? What are the characteristics of each group? How do they show up in Jesus's illustration in verses 31-35?
4. Who is Jesus seeking to be a friend to in this passage? What words and tactics is he using? How does the story that Jesus tells challenge the thinking of his hearers? How does it challenge your thinking about how to relate to God and others?
5. How is Jesus seeking after you?

Application: How will you spend time with your friend, Jesus this week? Who would you like to bring into Jesus's circle of friends?

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Prayer: Lord Jesus, Thank you for your presence in our lives. May we seek you, find you and show you to others. Amen