



FOR THE WEEK OF: May 26th, 2002

TITLE: Salvation and the Intellectual: Jesus: Liar, Lunatic, or Lord (Part One)

MEMORY VERSE: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes." **Romans 1:16a**

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. Review your lesson plan and define the following terms:

- Law of Non-Conformity
- Pluralism
- Reality
- Truth

As a Christian, why is it important to understand these terms, especially when witnessing?

2. If you are unsure of a person's spiritual beliefs, just ask the question, "Who Is Jesus Christ?" What do you need to assert about Jesus' identity? Take a moment and read **Colossians 1:15-20**.
3. Read **Revelation 1:8** and **1:18**; **Exodus 3:12-14**; and **John 8:48-59**. What are Jesus' claims? Why are His claims important?

DAILY READING (JOB)

4. Read **Job 28:12-28**. According to this passage, what is wisdom?
5. In **Job 28:28**, "understanding" in Hebrew means more than knowing what to do - it literally means *doing* what you know. Compare this to **James 1:22**.

DIGGING DEEPER (from Stone Tablets)

6. How do you know Jesus is the only way?
7. Some people say that each religion has their own version of Jesus: Buddha, Mohammed, etc. How do you know he didn't appear in all these forms?

HOMEWORK:

Did you know that Jesus claimed to be the fulfillment of all the items found below in the Old Testament tabernacle?

For example: The Menorah (7 branched golden lampstand) = "Jesus said 'I am the light of the world...'"

- a) The Table of Showbread
- b) The Golden Altar
- c) The Ark of the Covenant

See if your group can find His New Testament claims to verify this.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11