

What are you going to do with Jesus? C. S. Lewis is often quoted on the question:

I'm trying to prevent anyone from saying the really silly thing that people say about Him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God." That's the one thing we mustn't say. A man who was merely a man and said the things Jesus said wouldn't be a great moral teacher. He'd either be a lunatic – on the level with the man who says he's a poached egg – or else he'd be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But don't let us come up with any patronizing nonsense about Him being a great human teacher. He hasn't left that option open to us. He didn't intend to.

[Quoted from C.S. Lewis, *The Case for Christianity* (New York; Macmillan, 1944), p. 45.]

Jesus was well aware of the opinions people in His world were harboring about Him:

Lunatic?

Liar?

Lord?

What have you done with Jesus? What difference is He making in your life?

Personal Application and Interaction

1. What are some of the important elements you rely on to form your decisions?
2. What was it that shaped what you decided to do with Jesus?
3. What did you do when you had doubts about your faith?
4. How did you respond when someone you loved expressed strong doubts about God?
5. Jesus said, "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). How does that translate into your daily living?



Decide for yourself!

Mark 3:20-35

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