



*The Healing of the Blind Man at Bethsaida (Mark 5:22–26)*  
by Julia Stankova, 2010, Bulgaria

## LESSON ONE

**Who Is Jesus  
According to**

*Mark?*

**Background Scripture**

Gospel of Mark  
(Mark 1–8)

**Key Scripture**

Mark 8:27–33

**Key Idea**

Jesus is not the messiah  
they expected, but he is  
indeed God's Son.



*In My Father's House* by Ric Darrell, 2014, United States

## LESSON TWO

**Who Is Jesus  
According to**

*Matthew?*

**Background Scripture**

Gospel of Matthew  
(Matthew 5–7; 13)

**Key Scripture**

Matthew 13:51–53

**Key Idea**

Jesus is the long-awaited  
Jewish messiah whose  
teaching opens the kingdom  
of heaven to us here  
and now.





*The Triumphal Entry* by Sadao Watanabe, 1974, Japan

## LESSON THREE

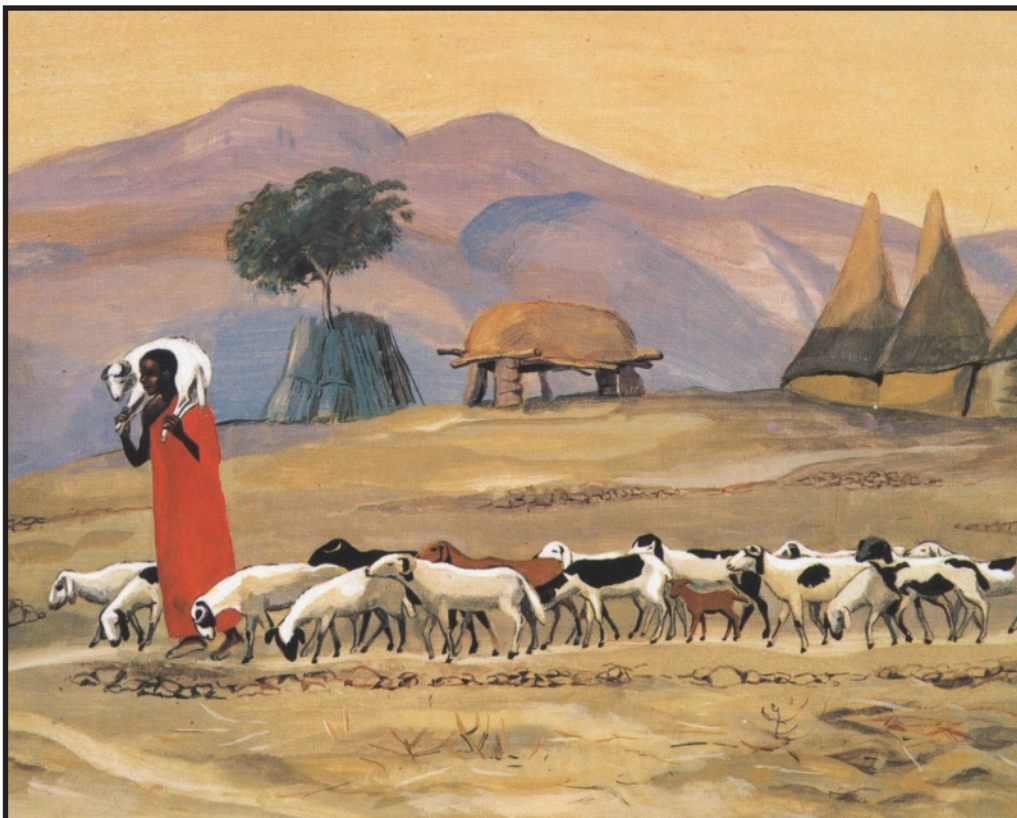
Who Is Jesus  
According to

*Luke?*

**Background Scripture**  
Gospel of Luke  
(Luke 1-4; 14:12-24; 16:19-31)

**Key Scripture**  
Luke 4:16-21; Acts 2:22-24

**Key Idea**  
Rejected by his own people,  
Jesus, prophet of God, turns  
the world upside down  
with his teachings.



*The Good Shepherd* by Bénédite de la Roncière, 1973, Cameroon

## LESSON FOUR

Who Is Jesus  
According to

*John?*

**Background Scripture**  
Gospel of John  
(John 1; 9; 10)

**Key Scripture**  
John 9:1-7

**Key Idea**  
Jesus and God are one.



*The Death of Jesus* by Nicholas T. Markell, 2014, United States

## LESSON FIVE

Who Is Jesus  
According to

*Paul?*

### Background Scripture

1 Corinthians 2:1–2;  
2 Corinthians 5:17–20;  
Philippians 2:1–4; Acts 18

### Key Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

### Key Idea

Paul stresses the centrality of the cross of Christ in understanding true discipleship.



*Because He Lives We Can Face Tomorrow* by Ovide Joseph Bighetty, 2002, Canada

## LESSON SIX

Who Is Jesus  
According to

*Hebrews?*

### Background Scripture

Book of Hebrews  
(Hebrews 1–6; 12–13)

### Key Scripture

Hebrews 12:1–2

### Key Idea

In the book of Hebrews, the author encourages believers to hold fast to their faith in times of adversity, to remain firm in their commitment to Jesus, who has run this race before us and now reigns in glory with God.





*Jesus Gives Life to Birds*, artist unknown, 1120,  
Church of St. Martin, Zillis, Switzerland

## LESSON SEVEN

Who Is Jesus  
According to the  
Non-canonical

*Gospels?*

**Background Scripture**  
Matthew 1–2; Luke 1–2

**Key Scripture**  
See highlighted excerpts  
from the non-canonical  
Gospels within the lesson.

### Key Idea

The four canonical Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) are not the only Gospels written by early Christians. Other stories about Jesus circulated in the early centuries of Christianity, offering us stories of the “missing years” of Jesus and, more importantly, information about the diversity of early Christianity.



*The Ascension of Christ*, Seyyid Loqman Ashuri, 1583,  
Ottoman Empire, Turkey

## LESSON EIGHT

Who Is Jesus  
According to the Other

*Abrahamic  
Faiths?*

**Background Scripture** Genesis 12:1–4;  
Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:6–7; 4:23–29

**Key Scripture**  
Galatians 4:23–29

### Key Idea

The major Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) all share the patriarch Abraham in their traditions; these religions comprise the three major monotheistic religions in the world today. While Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, for Christianity alone, it is important to understand how Jesus is viewed in the other two religious traditions.



*En la Cena ecológica del Reino (The Ecological Supper of the Kin-dom)*  
by Maximino Cerezo Barredo, 1980, Spain

## LESSON NINE

Who Is Jesus  
According to  
Contemporary Cultural

*Interpretations?*

### Background Scripture

Matthew 15:21–28;

Luke 10:38–42

### Key Scripture

Matthew 15:21–28

### Key Idea

Each of us who reads the New Testament is an interpreter of the text; how we interpret depends in part on our own identity. Not only does the context and perspective of the writers of the New Testament determine the answer to the question “Who is Jesus?” so does the context and perspective of the reader/interpreter.