Who Is Jesus Christ?

Many people honor Jesus. They call Him a holy man, a great teacher, a guru. Some say He is one more avatar, one more appearance of God among many.

But who does the Bible say He is?

He is a real man in real history. The stories of the avatars are not tied to dates, rulers, and towns that anyone can find. Jesus is. He was born in Bethlehem. He grew up in Nazareth. He taught in Galilee. He was put to death outside Jerusalem when Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor. Luke even names the rulers of that very year (Luke 3:1-2). When Paul told these facts to a king, he said this thing was not done hidden in a corner. It happened in the open (Acts 26:26).

He is not one more avatar. An avatar comes, does its work, and goes back into the endless cycle of ages. Jesus came once. When the fulness of the time arrived, God sent His Son (Galatians 4:4).

He is the Son of God. When Jesus asked His disciples who He was, Peter answered:

> "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" in Matthew 16:16.

He came to remove our sin. Yes, Jesus healed the sick. He cast out demons. He calmed the storm. But that was not His main work. He lived without sin; see Hebrews 4:15. Then He gave His life as a sacrifice to set us free from our sin; see Mark 10:45. He took our sins on the cross. He died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said He would. He was buried. And on the third day He rose from the grave again as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.

He is the only way to God. You cannot put Jesus on a shelf beside other gods as if they are somehow equal. He will not allow it. He said:

> "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

Either that is true, or Jesus was a liar. He cannot be merely one more good teacher. No human good teacher says one must come through him to God, unless it is true.

So what will you do with Him? To honor Him as a teacher is not enough. The Bible was written so that you would believe Jesus is the sent one, the Son of God, and have life through His name; see John 20:31. And He gives eternal salvation to all who obey Him as in Hebrews 5:9. He does not simply forget your sin. God forgives you completely when you believe and obey His Son. Read Acts 2:37-38.

Conclusion:

Look again at the dates and the names. Look at the cross. Look at the empty tomb.

Is Jesus only one more avatar to you? Or is He the Christ, the Son of the living God?

Will you hear Him? Will you obey Him?

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