

NEVER DOUBT IT, MY FRIEND.

*In the tragic
storms of life,
He specializes
in calming
waves and
silencing
winds.*

*It will just
shock you
sometimes
how Jesus
Christ can do
such things.*

He is God!

Charles Swindoll,
**Growing Deep in
the Christian Life,**
p. 147

An Example of Jesus' Humanity and Deity

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, and as they sailed he fell asleep... (Luke 8:22-23a).

And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" (v. 23b-24a).

And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm (v. 24b).

He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?" (v. 25).

Conclusion:

Sometimes He calms the _____.

Sometimes He calms the _____.

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Introduction:

- Life has some important questions that need an answer. According to author Andrew Womach, the three most important questions we could ask are, "Who am I?", "Where did I come from?", and "Where am I going?"
- However, I believe the most important question in all of life is, "Who is Jesus?" How you answer that question will define who you are, explain where you came from and, for sure, determine where you are going.

WHO IS JESUS?

Like the "man on the street" interview, let's "interview" some of the people of Jesus' day, as recorded mainly in Matthew's Gospel, to find out how varied the opinions really were even back then.

The Wise Men

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him" (Matthew 2:1-2).

To them, Jesus was _____.

God the Father

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:16-17).

According to God the Father, Jesus was _____.

The Pharisees

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" (Matthew 9:10-11).

But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons" (v. 34).

To the Pharisees, Jesus was, at best, a _____; but they ultimately thought of Him as a _____.

His Immediate Family

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind" (Mark 3:20-21; Matthew 13:53-57).

Jesus' own family considered Him _____.

The General Public

Now when Jesus came to the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets" (Matthew 16:13-14).

Most people considered Jesus a _____.

Peter

He said to them [the Disciples], "But who do you say that I am? Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 16:15-17).

John

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:1, 14).

Peter and John believed and taught that Jesus is God who became man; that He is the _____ – fully human and fully God.

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying that really foolish thing that people often 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 is one thing we must not say.

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would 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 let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

C.S. Lewis, **Mere Christianity**, p. 40-41