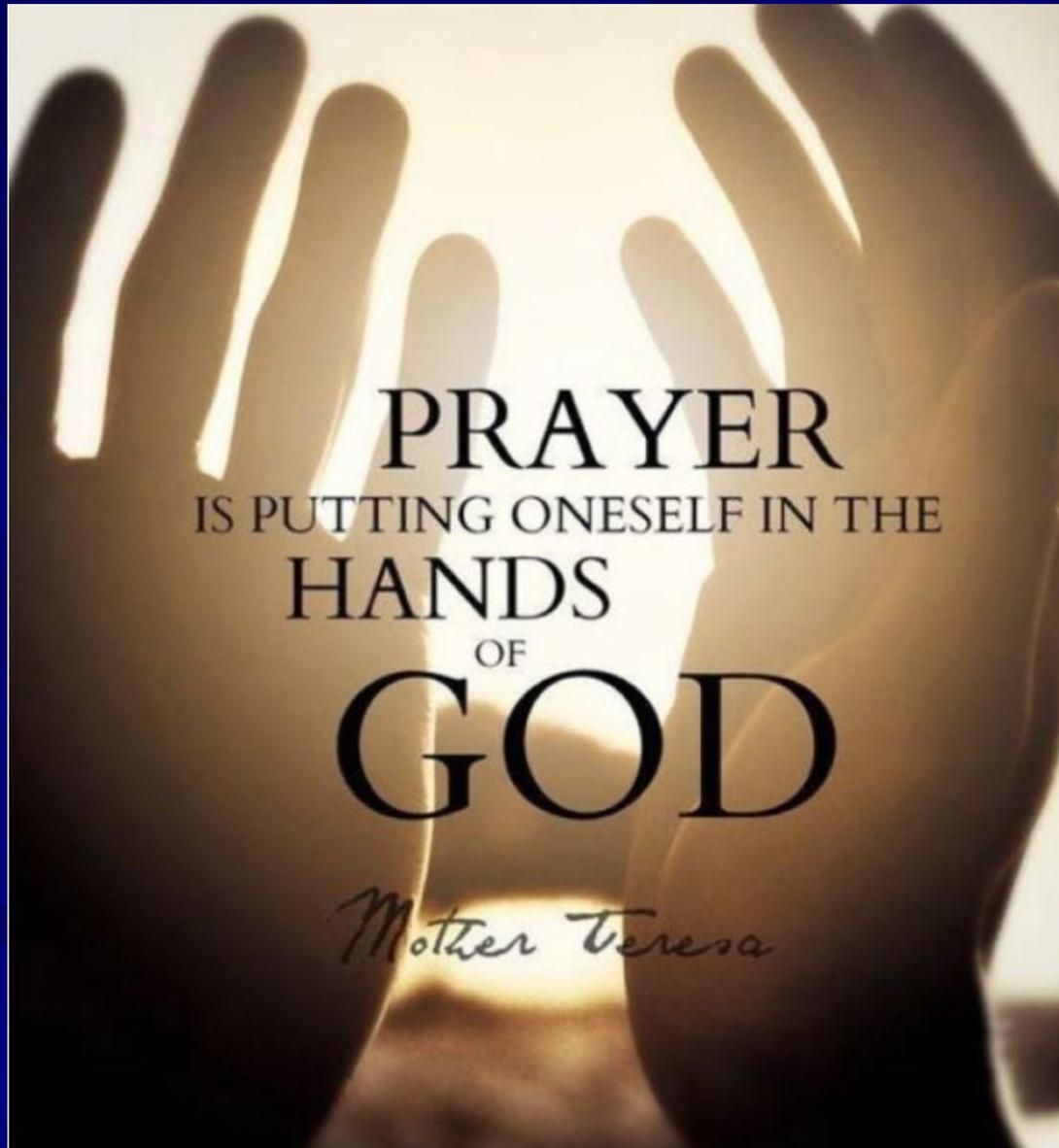


Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Q4: Who is Jesus Christ?



Opening Prayer

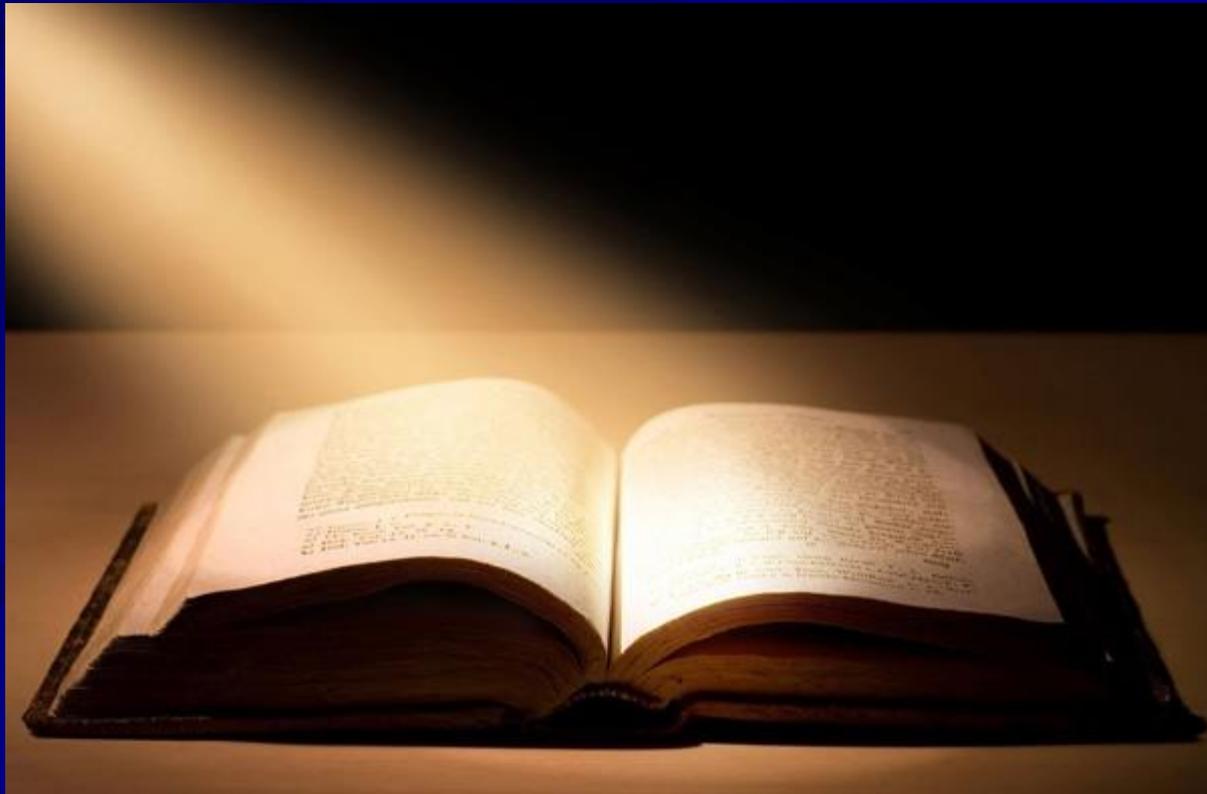


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IS PUTTING ONESELF IN THE
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GOD

Mother Teresa

Opening Scripture

John 10:7-18



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Who Is Jesus?

Who is Jesus Christ?

- **Can anyone share a personal experience in which Jesus revealed himself to you as Lord and Savior?**
 - If so...
- **How has this revelation guided your life?**

Jesus' True Identity

- **27** And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesare'a Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" **28** And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Eli'jah; and others one of the prophets." **29** And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-29)

How did Jesus describe himself?

■ John 4:25-26

– *“The Messiah...the Anointed”*

■ The promised leader and savior of the Israelites.

■ John 6:48

– *“the bread of life”*

■ A source of spiritual nourishment and divine communion.

■ John 8:12

– *“the light of the world”*

■ A source of revelation and truth.

■ John 10:14-15

– *“the good shepherd”*

■ A faithful protector and guide.

How did Jesus describe himself?

■ John 11:25-27

- *“the resurrection and the life...the Messiah, the Son of God”*

■ John 15:1

- *“the true vine”*

- Our connection and bond to God.

■ John 17:1-3

- *“your son...the one whom you sent”*

- God’s divine agent.

Jesus is the Way

■ “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the *Father*, but by me.

–John 14:6

How does Jesus describe his relationship with God the Father?

■ John 1:18

– *“No one has ever seen God. The only son...has revealed him.”*

■ Jesus is the image of the Father, the full revelation of God.

■ John 5:37-38

– *“You have never heard his voice nor seen his form...because you do not believe in the one whom he has sent.”*

■ Jesus claims justification by the Father. He is the voice and Word of God.

How does Jesus describe his relationship with God the Father?

■ John 6:46

– *“Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God.”*

■ Jesus possesses full knowledge of the Father.

■ John 8:38

– *“I tell you what I have seen in the Father’s presence; then do what you have heard from the Father.”*

■ Jesus manifests the Father. He transmits God’s knowledge and truth to the disciples (Church).

How does Jesus show himself to be the Life?

■ Matthew 16:25; Mark 8:35

- *“Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”*
 - By giving our lives to Christ, we receive eternal life.

■ John 1:3-4

- *“What came to be through him was life...”*
 - Christ’s life frees us from sin and doubt and is a “light” to the truth.

■ John 5:21, 24

- *“Just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son give life...”*
 - Faith in Christ and knowledge of God’s word saves us from sin and death.

How does Jesus show himself to be the Life?

■ John 6:53

- *“Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.”*
 - Christ’s life is present and received in the Eucharist.

■ John 10:10

- *“I came so that they might have life...”*
 - Jesus was sent to save all humanity.

■ John 17:1-2

- *“Give glory to your son...so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him.”*
 - The Son has authority to grant us life.

The Miracles of Jesus

■ What is a miracle?

- An event that cannot be explained by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered the work of a divine agent.





The Greatest Miracle of All



Liar, Lunatic or Lord?

■ C.S. Lewis

– 1898-1963

– British writer and lay theologian.

– His book “Mere Christianity.”





THAT'S MY KING!

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**Questions and/or
Comments?**

Get to Know Jesus

- **Begin by reading the Bible, God's love letter to humanity. St. Augustine said...**
 - Let us therefore yield ourselves and bow to the authority of the Holy Scriptures, which can neither err nor deceive.
 - The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home.
- **Begin with the Gospels.**
 - The first four books in the New Testament.
 - Matthew
 - Mark
 - Luke
 - John

Prayer of Consecration to Jesus Christ

God our Father, I believe that out of Your infinite love You have created me. In a thousand ways I have shunned Your love. I repent of each and every one of my sins. Please forgive me.

Thank you for sending your Son to die for me, to save me from eternal death. I choose this day to renew my covenant with you and to place Jesus at the center of my heart. I surrender to him as Lord over my whole life and over all things.

I ask you now to flood my heart and soul with the gift of Your Holy Spirit and to grant me the gift of new life. Give me the grace and courage to live as a missionary disciple for the rest of my days. Amen!