



Answer Me Jesus! *(If You Even Exist)*

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Note from Author

This book is my perceptions and interpretations of my research. Although this book is at times written in Jesus' point of view, I claim no authority of knowing exactly what Jesus would say.

If Jesus is real, then we will either be able to explain scientifically what he has done, or there are some matters that we cannot yet understand, but are still true regardless. If Jesus is not real, then I wish I have caused no harm.

Keep asking questions. The only way to find the truth is to explore.

Shawn Jones
"Scribe"



Hey, Jesus, we find it hard to believe that
you are God, if you even exist.



JESUS
Tell me more. I am listening.





Hey Dude, Big J, what's up?



Don't call him dude. What's wrong with you?

JESUS

That's ok. I kind of like dude. People talk to me in their own languages. Some like flowing liturgy. While others are informal and talk straight from their hearts. I just love when you talk to me.



Whoa! Big J, lots of religions have a dude that died for them. I think you are probably just one more legend.

JESUS

Of course, there were imitations. My resurrection changed the world. Why not copy something that was successful? A huge awakening happened after my death and resurrection. Christians were dying for their beliefs. My death marked the measurement of time (BC/AD). The differences between these imposters and me are my resurrection was prophesized many years before, there were eyewitnesses, my death occurred before anyone else claimed a savior who died for them and I died and arose.

Reference Section: Eyewitnesses, Historical
Evidence, Sacrifice Life, Resurrection



I do think you existed but you were just a good guy, not God.

JESUS

A good guy is a man who is truthful and trustworthy. If my claim to be God is not the truth, then I am lying or crazy. If my claim to be God is the truth, then I am who I claim to be. However, just being a good guy is just not a choice.

Reference Section: Claims



I pick the crazy option.

JESUS

That's funny. My brother, James, use to say the same thing too. "Jesus, are you out of your mind? What were you thinking staying at the temple when mom and dad had already left?" "Really, Jesus? You are crazy to say you are the Messiah." My favorite saying was, "Meet my loco bro. He is going to change the world."

People need to decide for themselves what I am. I have all the Godly attributes. I fulfill prophecy. Eyewitnesses saw my resurrection. History supports that I was real.

**Reference Section: Claims, Godly Attributes,
Prophecies, Eyewitnesses, History**



You never even claimed to be God. That just goes to show that you don't even believe it.

JESUS

Remember how I like to speak to people in their own language? That is how I spoke to the Jewish leaders. I called myself the I Am, the same name God used for himself in the Old Testament. I said, "I and the Father are one." I said I forgive sins, heal, will be resurrected and will judge the world. Whereas other Jewish people would not even say the word God, I called my Father Abba. In the language that the Jewish leaders understood, I, without any doubt, stated I was God.

That is why when I asked them, "At my Father's direction I have done many things to help the people, for which one of these good deeds are you killing me?", they replied, "Not for any good work; but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, have made yourself God."



I am Jewish. Can you imagine what my family would say if I told them you might be the Messiah?

JESUS

Oy vey! I can imagine. I am a good Jewish boy myself. All of the guys I hung out with were Jewish. Wow! Talk about a tough conversation to have with your Jewish mom. “Hey mom, the Messiah is here and we can set aside the old law.” That doesn’t go over well. On the other hand, my parents were understanding. It was the rest of my family that were really upset when I stated that I was the Messiah. Not even my own brothers believed in me until my resurrection.

Reference Section: Messianic Prophecies



What can I do? I don't want to hurt my family but I do want to know the truth.

JESUS

Explore your own faith and you will find me. The Tanakh is the Christian Old Testament. Within your Tanakh is the Torah, Nevi'im and Ketuvim. The Torah is the first five books. The Nevi'im are the books from the prophets. The Ketuvim are the rest of the writings. It is here that you will hear about me.

Reference Section: Messianic Prophecies,
Son of God, Salvation



You could easily have made prophecies about the Messiah come true. Big deal, you rode a donkey. Your mom claimed to be a virgin. Yeah right!

JESUS

The donkey definitely could have been arranged. However, the prophecies include my birth place, cause of death, how I was betrayed, none of my bones would be broken, the land would be dark upon my death, and my resurrection. This is a small sampling of all the prophecies I fulfilled. Coming Soon: My Return!

Reference Section: Messianic Prophecies



I am more concerned with the way you treated women.

JESUS

In my days, women were not treated well. The men would pray, “Praise be God that he has not created me a woman.” Money belonged to the husbands. The Rabbi Eliezer even said, “Rather should the word of the Torah be burned than entrusted to a woman.”*

I came to love. I came to change the world. That is why I spoke to women, gave respect and compassion to women, taught women and revealed myself to them.*

How could I expect people to love others if I mistreated half of them? How could I show God’s love if I treated mothers and daughters with contempt? My treatment of women has led to a culture that is more accepting. A culture where women are respected and valued. My followers know the two greatest commandments are to love God and to love others. These commandments apply to all people.

***Barbara Leonhard, “Jesus’ Extraordinary Treatment of Women”, St. Anthony Messenger**

Reference Section: Women, Love Others, Love God



God is my father too. What makes you so special?

JESUS

Of course, He is your father too. Yet it is not a case of “Dad likes me best”. There really are differences. I am eternal. I helped create everything, including you. Even when I was in the form of a man, I was different. I performed miracles, brought people back from death and was resurrected. I am the only begotten Son of God. You are an adopted child of God. You can never be like me, nor was I ever like you. Even with all our differences, we are still family. We can all love God and love each other.

Reference Section: Son of God, Son of Man, Children of God



You often referred to yourself as Son of Man. Not a great claim to deity.

JESUS

I do like that human side to me. It was fun to have an earthly body, yet Son of Man means so much more than that. Again, I was speaking the Jewish leaders' language. Son of Man is written in a prophecy from the book of Daniel. It tells about my authority, glory and sovereign power. It explains my dominion is everlasting. Also that all people will worship me. Whenever I said Son of Man, I proclaimed that I was God.

Reference Section: Son of Man



Buddha, Muhammad, Jesus, what's the difference?
All of you are good guys.

JESUS

Buddha never claimed to be God. Moses never claimed to be Jehovah. Mohammed never claimed to be Allah. Yet I claimed to be the true and living God. Buddha simply said, "I am a teacher in search of the truth." I said, "I am the Truth." Confucius said, "I never claimed to be holy." I said, "Who convicts me of sin?" Mohammed said, "Unless God throws his cloak of mercy over me, I have no hope." I said, "Unless you believe in me, you will die in your sins." *

*This paragraph is a quote from an unknown source. The word I is used instead of Jesus which is in the original quote.

Reference Section: Claims, Salvation



Are you saying you are the only way to heaven?
Isn't that narcissistic?

JESUS

No one comes to the Father except by me. I speak the truth out of love. If I kept the truth to myself, it would not make it any less true. You not wanting it to be true will not make it false.

Reference Section: Salvation, Heaven



I really don't believe in you, but I am a good person. Why wouldn't I go to heaven?

JESUS

God wishes that no person perishes. If getting to heaven meant good works, then not one of you would be good enough to be in God's presence. People want to make it difficult. God wanted to make it easy for his children. All you have to do is believe that I am your savior. Ask me to forgive your sins and your sins will be as far away as the east is from the west. Once you proclaim your love for God, you will naturally put your love into actions. Faith without works is dead. Yet it is not good works that save you. It is I, the Son of God.

Reference Section: Salvation



What about all the people who never heard of you? Are you telling me none of them will go to heaven?

JESUS

Have you ever wondered why you get mad at injustices and people's suffering? It is because you have the law written on your heart. You know God even when you don't know him. Perhaps you don't know my name or you can't recite a Bible verse, but you do know what is right and wrong. Everyone can look at my creation and know there is a God. Yes, some people will only know me by the law written on their hearts. However, will they do what is right? Share the Good News with others. Go to all nations.

Reference Section: People Who Never Heard of Jesus,
Salvation



Why do your followers feel the need to convert everyone?
Religion is a private matter. Everybody should believe what
they want.

JESUS

What would you do if your friend was about to get hit by a bus? Would you say it was a private matter? Would you walk away? Of course not. You would push her out of the way. You would risk your life to save your friend.

What if you had a cure for cancer? Would you keep it to yourself or would you shout it from the mountaintops?

People's decisions are private. However, if they don't have the information, how can they make a choice? You have the knowledge for eternal life. Will you take risks to save people? Will you shout it from the mountaintops or keep silent?

**Reference Section: Salvation, Love Others, Love God, People
Who Never Heard of Jesus**



Maybe Jesus is true for one person but that doesn't mean it is true for me. Truth is different for each of us.

JESUS

There are many perceptions, thoughts, opinions and beliefs. However, truth is what is true. I am either God or I am not. I can't be God for one person without being God for all people. Two opinions that contradict can both be valid. Two facts that contradict cannot both be true.

Reference Section: Truth



Why would I want to go to church with your followers? They have waged wars in your name, molested children, have affairs, lie, cheat and grab your money. They are a bunch of hypocrites.

JESUS

I struggled with the same hypocrisy as you have. Moneychangers came to the temple and I threw over their tables. People wanted me not to heal on the Sabbath because of the law. Where was the respect for God? Where was the compassion? Religion is manmade. Although churches, temples and synagogues have provided support, education and good works, they are run by people. Some of these people make honest mistakes. Others don't even believe in me but use my name for manipulation and control. Our relationship has nothing to do with other people's choices. Will you love me? Will you love others? Find a church that loves God and loves others. Although this church won't be perfect, it will be a place to learn, grow and love others.

Reference Section: Hypocrisy, Love God, Love Others



I thought God never changed. Yet everything was different when you came. There was no more Mosaic law. People could eat what they wanted. Didn't that mean that God changed?

JESUS

God does not change. From the beginning He had a plan. He gave us the prophets and they foretold a new covenant or agreement that God will have with his people. Instead of the law, He would write His law on your heart. I am the mediator of this New Covenant. My death and resurrection brings you from condemnation to forgiveness and eternal life. God did not change. He simply did what he said he would do. He made a new covenant.

Reference Section: New Covenant



Hey Jesus, maybe we like you. Maybe you do exist.

JESUS
Tell me more. I am listening.

JESUS

My challenge to you is that every day for thirty days you ask me to reveal myself to you. If you decide I do exist, ask me into your life. The next step after that is to explore the Holy Spirit. Keep asking questions.

This is the end of the preview. In the book, you will find a reference section that supports the answers in this preview. It has bible verses, worldly evidence, quotes and thoughts from the scribe. You can get your own personal copy at 10QGOD.com.