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“By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God.

—1 John 4:2-3

Jesus lived, died, and was buried. That sums up the normal direction of all our lives, but there was nothing normal about who Jesus is. The difference is that He is the only one who has died, been resurrected, and is alive today. That fact has changed the world forever. But why did this happen? What has changed? What does it mean? And what affect should it or does it have on our lives today?

Death is said to be the great equalizer for us all but there are those who want to live forever and there are those that do but in a completely different way. These are the people we learn about in history. Oh, they are physically dead, but they live on in the memory of humanity for some great impact they have made, in politics, the arts, philosophy and so on, and were still talking about them today.

Yet one stands head and shoulders above them all. No one's teaching, or philosophy or life has had the impact, to the consternation of the rest of the world, as Jesus Christ because of who he claimed to be, what he came to do, and how he went about doing it.

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Jesus' claims leave humanity no way to avoid him, they must be confronted and then a conclusion must be drawn that he is just a man of history or he is who he says he is, truly God, truly man, The Son of the living God.

The idea, from man's viewpoint, that God would "lessen" himself in some way has been a point of contention, as that view says if that's true then Jesus is not God because God would not do that. But this is exactly what Isaiah 58:8 points out.

Jesus must be worshiped in spirit and truth, (John 4:24) altering Jesus' identity in any way diminishes his very nature and makes him a god that man can control. Worse than that it changes what he came to do, save sinners, and proclaim the ways to eternal life.

Jesus willingly came to show us who God is, loved us enough by giving his life up for ours to bring us in right relationship with God the Father our creator and judge, and in overcoming death proved his claim thereby giving us eternal life. Death will itself die when he returns as he promised.

Have you taken the time to confront Him? Do you know His true identity? He is gracious and merciful and giving you time, do not waste it.