

How much do you know about the most well known person to have ever walked on your planet? How much do you know about the person that said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me...and you will find rest for your souls." People have conjured up stories about him for use in marketing, but who is the real Jesus? Take a minute to check out your Jesus IQ: (See IQ grading scale at bottom)

Jesus IQ Test:

1. The pre-incarnate Jesus was present during the creation of your universe.
 - True
 - False
2. Jesus' birthplace was predicted over 700 years before his birth.
 - True
 - False
3. Three wise men came on camels to visit Jesus after he was born.
 - True
 - False
4. Joseph was Jesus' biological father.
 - True
 - False
5. Mary Magdalene was Jesus' wife.
 - True
 - False
6. Jesus was 50% God and 50% man.
 - True
 - False
7. Three years before Jesus' death, he had no

idea that he would be crucified.

- True
 - False
8. After betraying Jesus, Judas said that Jesus was innocent.
 - True
 - False
 9. The Roman Centurion, who watched Jesus die, said that Jesus had done nothing wrong.
 - True
 - False
 10. Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God in heaven.
 - True
 - False

IQ Scale: 1 right=40, 2=55, 3=70, 4=80, 5=90, 6=100, 7=115, 8=130, 9=145, 10=160

Answers:

1. **True** - John 1:3 - "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."
2. **True** - Micah 5:2 - His birthplace was predicted over 700 years before it happened.
3. **False** - Matthew 2:1 - No one knows how many wise men there were, nor how they traveled.
4. **False** - Matthew 1:20 - Jesus had no earthly father; he was begotten of the Holy Spirit.
5. **False** - In spite of various modern-day marketing attempts, Jesus never had a girl friend or a wife.
6. **False** - Colossians 2:9 - Jesus was 100% God

and 100% man at the same time.

7. **False** - Mark 10:34 - "And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again."
8. **True** - Matthew 27: 4 - Just before Judas committed suicide, he said, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood...".
9. **True** - Matthew 27: 54 - "Now when the centurion and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God". Luke adds, "Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man" (Luke 23: 47).
10. **True** - Colossians 3:1 - "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God."

Do you feel a certain emptiness in your life? Is there something more? When I was growing up in India, I met a Hindu holy man in the Ajanta Caves. He had sacrificed a lot to travel many miles to wash away his sins by bathing in a holy river. Now he was headed back to his home area some 1000 miles distant. Asked if he had attained peace in his heart, he replied simply, "Vanity! I have gone in vain."

The holy man's answer is the heart cry of humanity. Yes, all is in vain if we have not come into a personal relationship with our Creator. No

amount of religion will help us. We need a relationship, not a religion. Jesus created mankind, but sin came into the world and separated mankind from God. God demanded that a sinless human sacrifice must die for the sins of mankind. No other sacrifice would suffice. The sacrifice had to be a human being in order to carry mankind's sins away. The sacrifice also had to be God, because no human being could carry away the tremendous weight of sin of New York, Bangkok, Las Vegas, Mumbai, Tokyo, Amsterdam, Cairo, and London...much less the combined sin of all people of all ages of the entire world!

God sent Jesus, 100% man and 100% God, to die for the world that he had created. He was the perfect sacrifice. Mankind says that we can find forgiveness on our own terms and in our own way. That is called "religion". God simply asks us to "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest....". We must come to him with only one thing, our sin...ask his forgiveness and accept his perfect sacrifice, Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Would you like to give up religion and accept God's perfect sacrifice? Quit religion and accept the work that God has done. One more question about Jesus...What were the last words he uttered before he died on the cross? "It is finished." It means, "paid in full". At that moment, God had finished paying for all the sin that you and I and the world have ever done or will ever do! The payment is finished! Your acceptance of

it is all that is needed.

To give up your religion, pray this simple prayer :

"Lord Jesus, I believe that you came into the world to die for my sins. I bring my sin to you and ask forgiveness. Wash me with your blood and accept me into your family. From this day on I plan to live for You!"

If you meant that prayer, you are now part of God's family and you can rest from your efforts to gain God's favor. Hebrews 4:9 says, "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God." Rest in Jesus and daily allow his Word to saturate your life. Knowing God more intimately through Bible reading and prayer will mean that you gain understanding and wisdom to live life in this complicated world.

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What is Your Jesus IQ?

