



Who Is Jesus? – The Door Opens

Theme:

Jesus is not just a historical figure or theological idea—he’s someone who meets people, invites them, and walks with them. This session opens the door to curiosity and relationship.

Scripture

John 1:35–39 – “Come and see.” *Jesus doesn’t give a lecture—he offers an invitation.*

The First Disciples of Jesus

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ³⁹ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

Optional companion:

Luke 5:1–11 – *The calling of the first disciples. Jesus meets them in their work, not in a temple.*

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ ⁵ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’ ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Opening Story or Image

Share a moment when someone invited you into something new—a friendship, a community, a challenge. What made you say yes?

You could also use a visual metaphor:

- A door slightly ajar
- A welcome mat that's a bit worn but still warm
- A handwritten invitation

Reflection Prompts

- What do you notice about how Jesus invites people?
- What kind of person would you follow without knowing all the answers?
- If Jesus said “Come and see” to you today, where might he be leading?

Prayer or Quiet Practice

“Jesus, I don’t know everything about you. But I’m curious. Help me walk toward you with open hands and an open heart.”

Sit quietly and imagine Jesus saying their name, then simply: “Come and see.”

Takeaway

This week, notice one moment where you feel gently invited—into kindness, into curiosity, into something new. Pause and ask: could this be Jesus?

Come and join us and continue your journey of faith.

Sundays:

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| St Andrew's | 9.30am |
| St Peter's | 9.30am |
| St Paul's | 11.30am |

Wednesdays:

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| St Andrew's | 10.45am |
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Thursdays:

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