

# Jesus is God

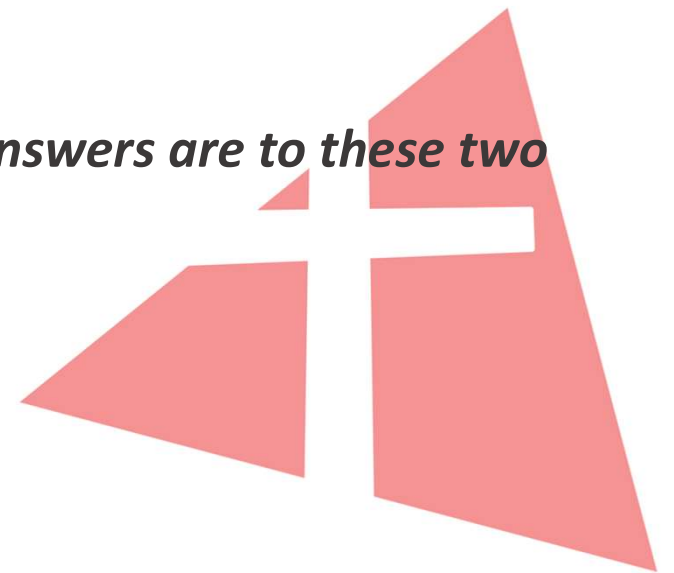
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# Our Series

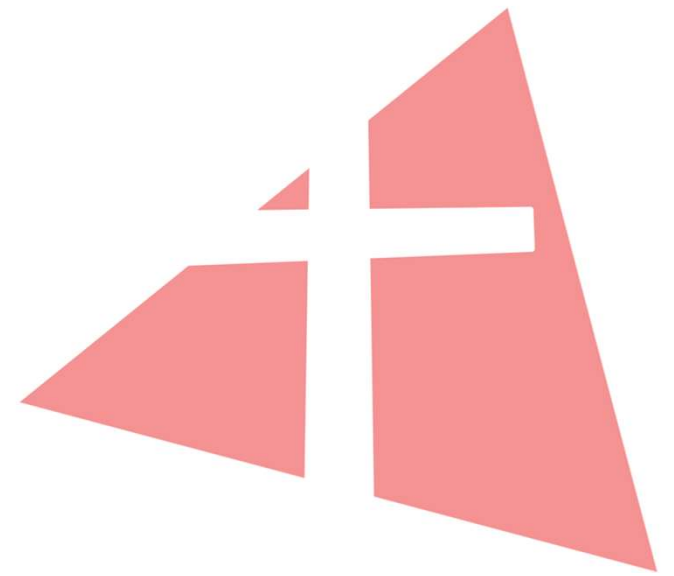
- **Who is God? Who am I?**

*Everybody lives his/her life in response to what we believe the answers are to these two questions*



# Today's Focus

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# Two Biblical Principles

- **Jesus is fully God and fully man**
- **God never changes**



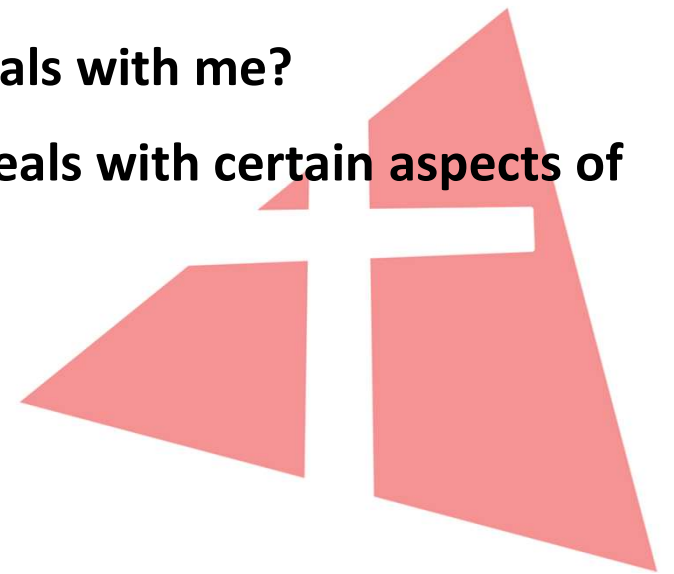
# The Conclusion

- **The way Jesus dealt with people 2000 years ago is exactly the way God deals with us today!**



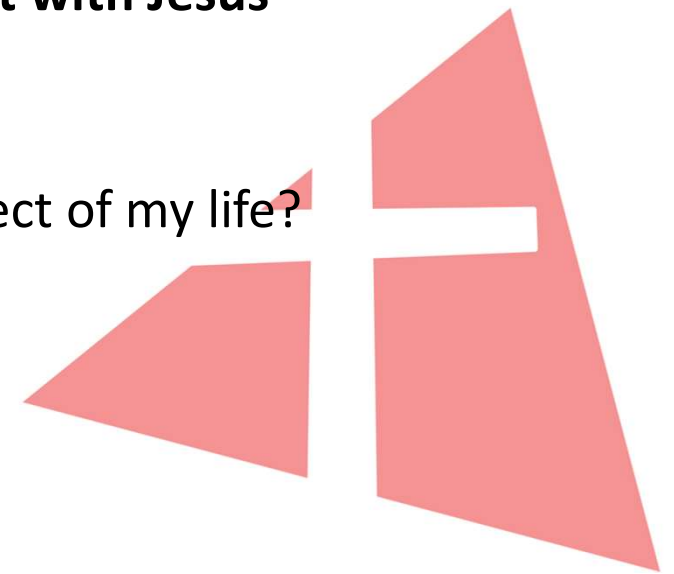
# How to read Jesus' encounters with people

- **Let's stop thinking: How did Jesus deal with that person?**
- **Instead, we should ask: What does this say about how God deals with me?**
- **Every encounter between Jesus and people shows how God deals with certain aspects of our lives**



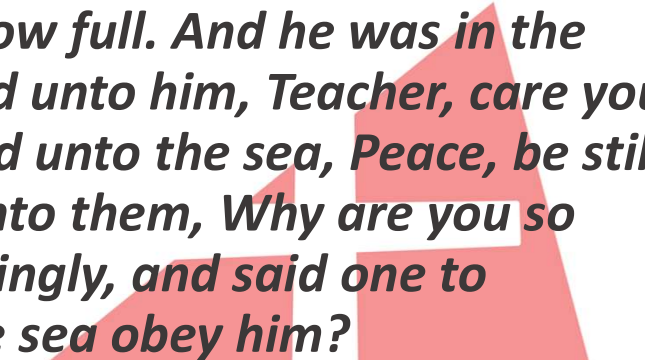
# Questions to ask

- **Let's put ourselves INSIDE the people of the Bible who interact with Jesus**
  - What aspect of my life do these people represent?
  - How does Jesus deal with this person?
  - What does mean for me? How does God deal with that aspect of my life?



# Example: Storm on the Sea

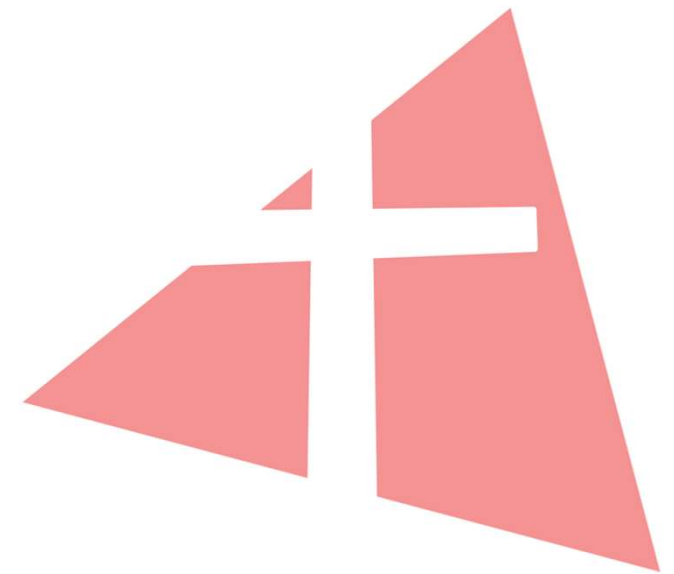
*Mark 4:35-41 And the same day, when the evening was come, he said unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him just as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the rear of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awoke him, and said unto him, Teacher, care you not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are you so fearful? how is it that you have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?*





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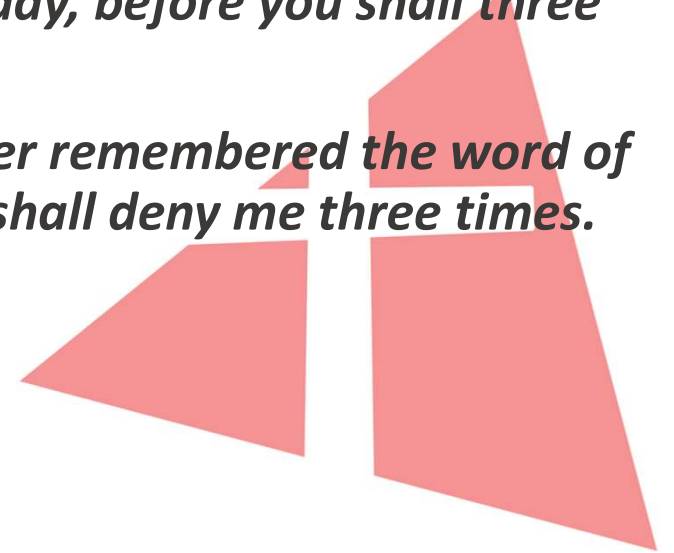
- **What aspect of my life does this story represent?**
  - Relying on my own strength and/or wisdom
- **How does God deal with that aspect of my life?**
  - God allows me to “come to the end of myself”
  - When I turn to Jesus, He will rescue me



# Example: Overconfidence

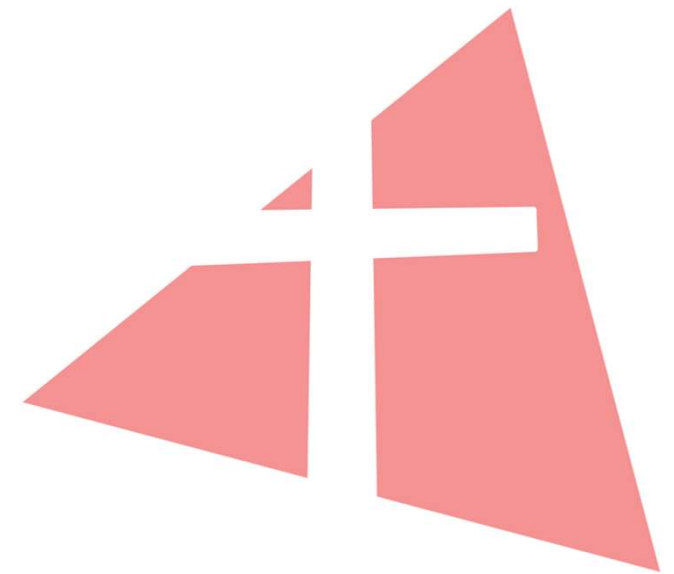
*Luke 22:33-34 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with you, both into prison, and to death. And he said, I tell you, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before you shall three times deny that you know me.*

*Luke 22:61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crows, you shall deny me three times.*



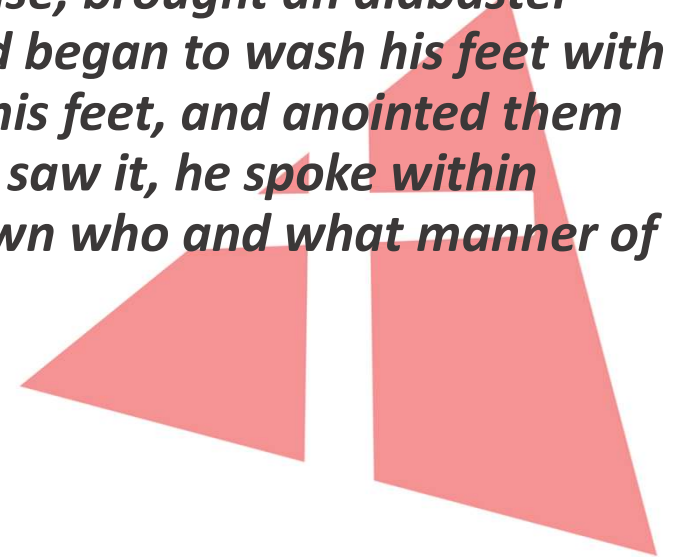
# Questions to ask

- **What aspect of my life does this story represent?**
  - Making promises to God we can't keep
- **How does God deal with that aspect of my life?**
  - God won't argue with us
  - But He will remind us when we fail
  - He also restores us (though not always immediately)



# Example: Self-Righteousness

*Luke 7:36-39 And one of the Pharisees asked him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And, behold, a woman in the city, who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat to eat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had bidden him saw it, he spoke within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that touches him: for she is a sinner.*



# Example: Self-Righteousness

*Luke 7:40-50 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have something to say unto you. And he said, Teacher, say on. There was a certain creditor who had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, You have rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, See this woman? I entered into your house, you gave me no water for my feet: but she has washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. You gave me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in has not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil you did not anoint: but this woman has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I say unto you, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little. And he said unto her, Your sins are forgiven. And they that sat to eat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgives sins also? And he said to the woman, Your faith has saved you; go in peace.*

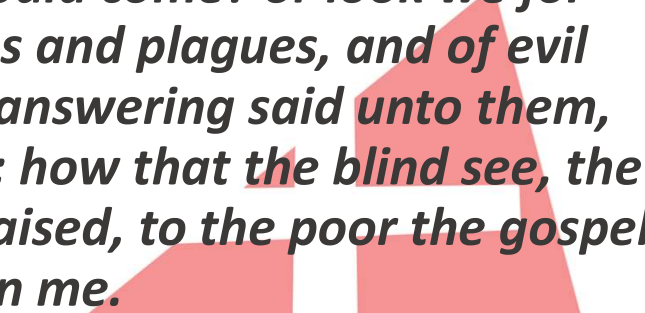
# Questions to ask

- **What aspect of my life does this story represent?**
  - Self-Righteousness
  - Being accused for “not being good enough”
- **How does God deal with that aspect of my life?**
  - Rebukes us for self-righteousness
  - Protects us from accusations that we are not good enough



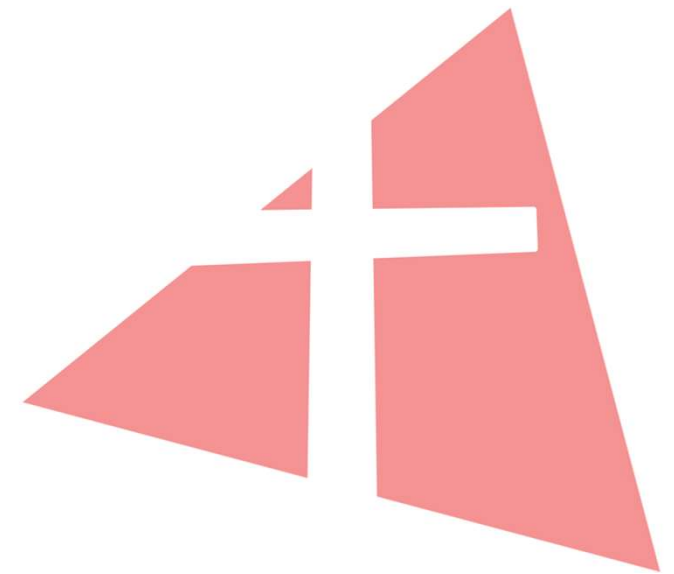
# Example: Doubts

*Luke 7:19-23 And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Are you he that should come? or look we for another? When the men were come unto him, they said, John the Baptist has sent us unto you, saying, Are you he that should come? or look we for another? And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight. Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things you have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.*



# Questions to ask

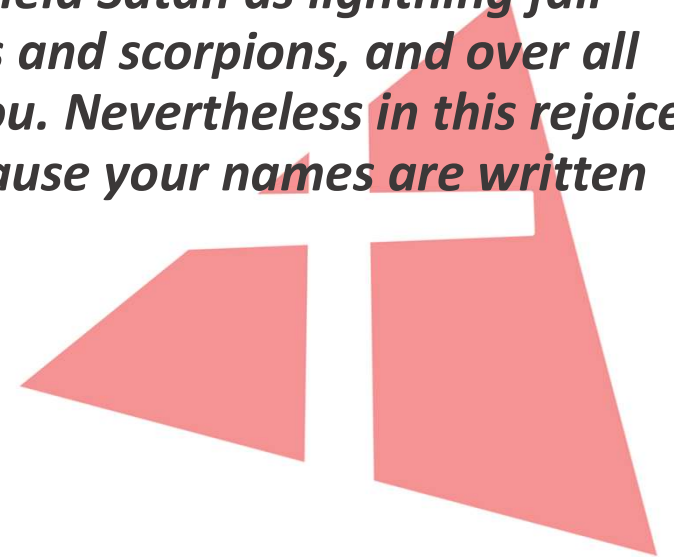
- **What aspect of my life does this story represent?**
  - Doubt
- **How does God deal with that aspect of my life?**
  - Jesus usually doesn't give us proof
  - But He does give us reasons to believe





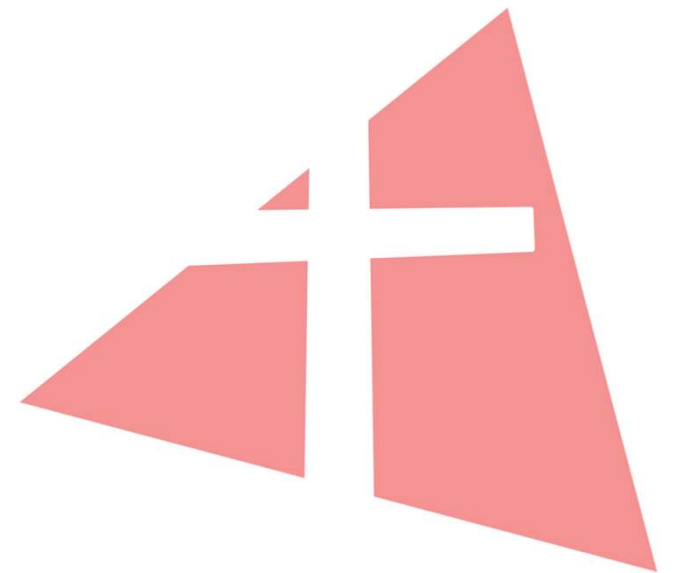
# Example: Being used by God

*Luke 10:17-20 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us through your name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*



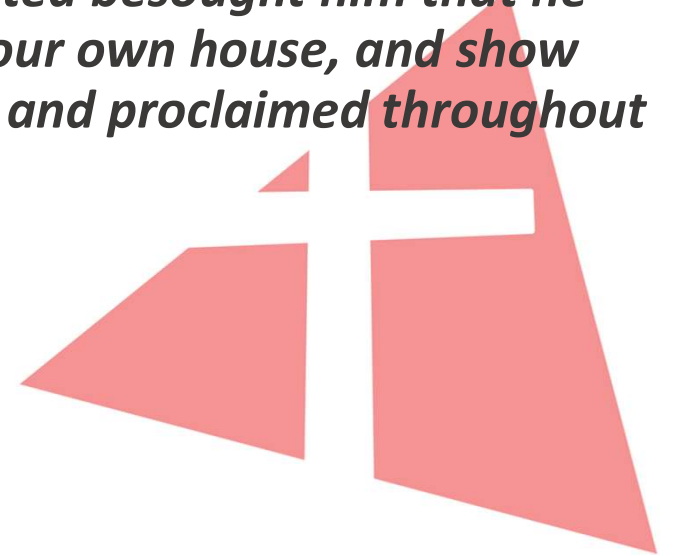
# Questions to ask

- **What aspect of my life does this story represent?**
  - Pride
- **How does God deal with that aspect of my life?**
  - God humbles us
  - God helps us refocus on “what really matters”
  - God helps us refocus on “God’s Grace”



# Example: Blessings

*Luke 8:38-39 Now the man out of whom the demons were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to your own house, and show what great things God has done unto you. And he went his way, and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done unto him.*



# Questions to ask

- **What aspect of my life does this story represent?**
  - Receiving a miracle from God
- **How does God deal with that aspect of my life?**
  - God wants us to use His blessings as a testimony for others



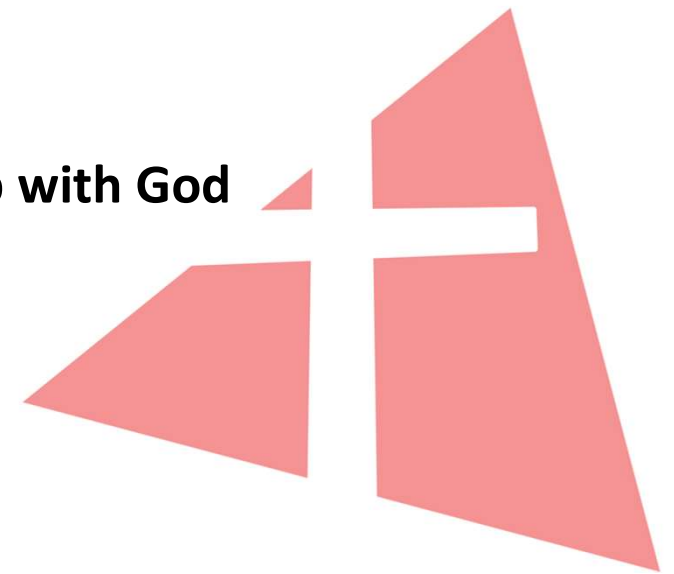
# Jesus' Encounter with People

- **Let's be part of these stories**
  - Not looking at them from the outside



# In Conclusion

- **Jesus' encounters with people are some of the clearest revelations of**
  - Who God is
  - How He deals with us
- **Studying these encounter can help us deepen our relationship with God**
  - Putting ourselves into the people and/or situation





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