**Part 1 - Why Jesus?**

**Because Jesus is supreme over all.**

**This Jesus of Nazareth, without money and arms, conquered more millions than Alexander, Caesar, Mohammed, and Napoleon; without science and learning, he shed more light on things human and divine than all philosophers and scholars combined.**

**Without the eloquence of schools, He spoke such words of life as were never spoken before or since, and produced effects which lied beyond the reach of orator or poet.**

**Without writing a single line, He set more pens in motion, and furnished themes for more sermons, orations, discussions, learned volumes, works of art, and songs of praise than the whole army of great men of ancient and modern times.**

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**Who is Jesus to you?**

**Who do you say he is?**

 **Matthew 16:13-17**

**When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”**

**They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”**

**“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”**

**Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”**

**Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.**

**Why Jesus?**

**Because Jesus is supreme over all.**

**Jesus made two outlandish claims about himself.**

1. **That he was God.**
2. **That he would rise from the dead.**

**Jesus is supreme over all because he is God.**

**John 20:28**

**Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”**

**Colossians 1:15-23**

**The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.**

**He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.**

**For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

**It means all your mind, body and soul should love him.**

**Matthew 22:36-38**

**Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.**

**Jesus should be our supreme focus.**

**Hebrews 12:1-2**

**Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**