

WHO IS JESUS?

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Today, I really wanted to ask you a question that has been running through my head. Slide 2 Who do you think Benji is? Ah, Ah! Yes! Slide 3 Who is Benji for you?... Slide 4 Of course, I'm Benji, the radio host who introduces you to each of the programs "1,2,3 STORY TIME", but what else...?

Slide 5 A young man. Yes, that's right! Slide 6 I live in Paris but Slide 7 I grew up in Normandy. I am a musician but I am also a pastor.

Maybe one day we will meet so we can get to know each other better.

It's important to get to know people. Then you can tell who they are. Slide 8 "It's my uncle, Slide 9 my grandfather, Slide 10 my doctor... Slide 11 my friend. »

One day, Slide 12 Jesus asked his disciples this question: Slide 13 "Who am I to the people? What do people say about me? And you, what do you say about me? Slide 14 Who am I to you?"

Listen to this story then you can ask yourself the question: Slide 15 And for me, who is Jesus?

Slide 16 BUT WHO IS JESUS?

Slide 17 That day Jesus was alone with his disciples. He had just prayed.

He said to them:

Slide 18 - Who do they say I am? To the people, who am I? What do they say about me? The disciples are not embarrassed by this question, everyone is talking about him:

- Some say that you are Slide 19 John the Baptist!
- Slide 20 Others say you are a prophet, maybe Elijah or Jeremiah.
- In Nazareth, people say: Jesus! Slide 21 He is the son of Joseph the carpenter and Mary is his mother, he grew up here!
- Slide 22 People don't all say the same thing, but when they have seen all the extraordinary miracles you do, when they have heard you speak, they all say: Slide 23 he is a special man. You've never seen anyone like him, he's a master.
- Slide 24 And you, Jesus told them: Who do you say I am?
- Slide 25 You are the Christ, the Son of the living God! answers Peter.

Slide 26 - Blessed are you, Peter, Jesus said to him, for what you have just said here is not from you, from your mind, but from my Father who is in heaven, Slide 27 who revealed it to you, who made it known to you. This is the truth upon which the kingdom of God will be established, and no one will be able to destroy it. Slide 28 I am he, whom God promised Slide 29 to send to save his people.

Slide 30 Jesus then began to tell his disciples what was going to happen to him.

- I will go to Jerusalem, and *Slide 31* there I will suffer a lot. The religious men *Slide 32* will put me to death, but *Slide 33* I will rise again on the third day.

Slide 34 The disciples were astonished at these words.

- How is this possible? He who performs such miracles, Slide 35 who has such power!

Slide 36 - People want to make him king!

- Why should he be condemned to death, he has done nothing wrong? Slide 37 It is not fair.

Peter couldn't take it anymore:

Slide 38 - No! It won't happen to you! he says to Jesus.

But he was wrong and Jesus rebuked him severely:

Slide 39 - It has to happen because that's what I came for, Slide 40 it's God's plan for the salvation of all men. I am the Messiah, the promised deliverer.

Slide 41 Six days later, Jesus walked up a high mountain. Slide 42 He took Peter, James and John with him.

While he prayed, suddenly the appearance of his face began *Slide 43* to shine, it was dazzling like the sun and his garment became white *Slide 44* as light. It was as if a curtain rose and showed his glory, his divine nature.

And suddenly Slide 45 two men appeared in glory, they spoke with him.

Peter, James and John recognized them; it was Moses and the prophet Elijah.

Slide 46 They talked about Jesus coming to Jerusalem and about his death.

As the two men were about to leave, Peter said to Jesus:

Slide 47 - Master, it is good that we are here. We are going to plant three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.

Poor Peter, he did not know what he was saying!

Slide 48 A luminous cloud appeared. Slide 49 Moses and Elijah entered this cloud and God's voice was heard:

Slide 50 - This is my beloved Son in whom I place all my joy. Slide 51 Listen to him!

Slide 52 The frightened disciples bowed their faces to the ground. They no longer dared to look around them. The one who had just spoken was the Almighty God.

The bright light disappeared.

Slide 53 Jesus came close to his disciples and laid his hand on them:

Slide 54 - It's me, get up, don't be afraid! He told them.

Slide 55 He had returned to the way he was, a man like everyone else. But Slide 56 Peter, James and John knew that he was truly the Son of God, the promised savior.

Slide 57 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!

Like Peter, James and John, I can say too that Jesus is the Son of God. I believe it. He is my saviour.

Slide 58 And for you, who is Jesus? I invite you to take some time to think about it.

By reading the Gospel, by listening to our programs "1, 2, 3 STORY TIME", by praying, you will know Him better and better.

Slide 59 You can find the story of the transfiguration of Jesus, which Françoise has just told us, in chapter 9 of Luke's Gospel.

Slide 60 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

The Gospel presents Jesus as He is, the Son of God who came to save us. Our children need to know this but also to believe it.

Most certainly, they will not have the privilege of seeing Him here on earth in his glory, as Peter James and John did, but one day all those who have followed him Slide 61 faithfully will see him face to face in heaven. We can rejoice now with our children.

Let us rejoice with them, for if we do not have the privilege like Peter, James and John to see Jesus, we know that one day, after more or less challenging times, we will see him in his glory. See you soon on the air.

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