

## Who is this guy? A Time for conversation about Jesus of Nazareth.

After worship study for bigger kids—January 2026- Thanks Trex!

Spoiler alert! “God was in Christ *reconciling* the World to himself” (II Cor. 5:19)

Time for picking and choosing for a God biography: Who is this God? Then we’ll look at Jesus and ask again and again: Who is this guy? We’ve 66 ‘books’ to claw and dance through.

- I. Torah/Prophets/Writings. We’ll take time in the O.T. We converse/confer & otherwise hobnob about “Great Expectations” from the end of Deuteronomy [‘secret of the 12!’] to Isaiah & Jeremiah until we reach the ancient of days in Daniel---Who is this God and why the ‘recessional’? [How many Gods can the one God be? \*]
- II. Jonah: God saves everyone, even Ninevites. WHOA
- III. Trickster God: Job. Yikes
- IV. God alone [‘Beside me there is no god’] then alone: Esther/Ruth
- V. Inter-Testament writings: Unknown knowns [Maccabees to Pompey to Pilate to...]
- VI. Known unknowns: Qumran – Great Expectations
- VII. Jesus of Nazareth in a Matthew year—birth to resurrection (‘rad rabbi’)
- VIII. Proclamation [here’s controversy!]: The Christ of faith – [Christ crucified & risen comes first: Paul’s letters]. Then baptism starts the ministry [Gospel of Mark] then Birth- conception, even [Matthew and Luke].
- IX. John’s Gospel: The Word becomes Flesh: Behold the Lamb of God!\*\*
- X. Let the Epiphany conversation and the controversy begin! [The Gospel lives thusly!]

\*For fun we’ll look at Jack Miles fantasy – an alternate Hebrew Bible universe -in ‘God, a Biography.’

\*\*We can also look at the Times interview with a senate candidate in Texas who is also a seminarian.