



## Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?

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**Focus** Jesus stood in the temple and announced His identity and ministry. The Messiah does much more than provide a way to heaven. He also brings freedom, healing, and anointing to every believer.

**Fun** Play a game of “To Tell the Truth,” where three people claim to be the same person and your group members decide which person is authentic. Introduce all three people using the name of the mystery guest, and read his or her story. Group members can then ask questions. After 5 to 10 minutes, each group member identifies whom they believe to be the real mystery guest. At the end, ask the question, “Will the real (name of mystery guest) please stand up?” to reveal the true mystery guest. *This will take a little preparation to find a person with a unique story and two people who look the part and agree to play along.*

**Review** Key Scriptures: Luke 4:16–21; 2 Corinthians 11:3–4

### 1. Salvation

*Luke 4:18–19; 2 Corinthians 6:2*

Jesus preached the Good News to the poor in spirit, which includes every person. He came to save us because we cannot save ourselves. We’re accepted by the Lord when we accept Jesus because of what He’s done for us.

### 2. Inner Healing

*Luke 4:18*

Jesus heals the brokenhearted and liberates the oppressed. When our hearts have been shattered, He can restore us. When the enemy has caused a deep hurt to control us, Jesus can set us free.

### 3. Freedom

*Luke 4:18*

Jesus is not only a Savior, but the Deliverer. When we're powerless to stop a habitual sinful behavior, Jesus delivers us from bondage into freedom.

### 4. Healing

*Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16–17; 1 Peter 2:24*

Jesus came to heal and still heals today. On the cross, He not only bore our sin but our sickness as well. We are healed by grace through faith.

### 5. Anointing of the Holy Spirit

*Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38; John 1:33*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Jesus. His ministry is to anoint us and immerse us with the Holy Spirit.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** Building relationships is an important part of Gateway Group meetings, and connections are made when we pray together. At the end of your discussion time, ask members to break up into groups of two or three to share prayer requests and pray for each other.

## Discuss

1. Describe Jesus. Who is He? What does He do? What does He mean to you?
2. Jesus bore our sins *and* our sickness. Are we healed by grace or by faith? What is the difference between the two?
3. Read Luke 4:18. What are some examples of captivity or oppression? How can one be set free from these things?
4. Have you or someone you know ever experienced a physical healing from God? Explain.
5. Read John 1:33. Jesus baptizes or immerses us with the Holy Spirit, so we can live victoriously. How does the Holy Spirit work in your life?

**Take Home** As we conclude, remember the following:

- Jesus gives us salvation.

- He heals our bodies and our hearts.
- He delivers us from bondage.
- He anoints us to live with the Holy Spirit.
- He can help us in this life in addition to eternal life.

### Prayer

Lord God, thank You for the work of Your son, Jesus, to provide us salvation, healing, and freedom. Thank You for giving us all what we need in Christ Jesus. Lord, we surrender our sickness, doubt, fear, anger, obsessions, and idols to You and we receive Your healing. Thank You for the freedom from these things. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\*** It can be easy to get off track in your discussion time, but consider using some of the following phrases to redirect your group to the topic at hand.

- “For the sake of time, we’ll have to move on.”
- “Let’s get back to our question.”
- “We’ll have to talk about that more [at our next meeting or during free time].”