



# Jesus?

## The Son of God

The New Testament describes Jesus as God's one and only Son (John 3:16). Everything that is distinctive about the Christian faith is closely related to the person of Jesus and what it means to say he is the Son of God. Our view of Jesus has shaped the way we understand God, how we experience salvation and the nature of the hope we have in the present and for the future.

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and . Listening to what he taught and following his way of life cannot be separated from acknowledging him as Lord, a word used of him by his earliest followers who knew that to do so meant

seeing him as in some way God. United Reformed Church worship services honour Jesus as divine in our hymns. We pray through Jesus and we share in a meal that Jesus invites us to, eating bread and drinking wine as symbols of his redemptive death. We bless one another in his name as we go out into the world.

In all of this, it is clear that Christians take the question of who Jesus is very seriously. We believe that it is only God who can make God known and in continuity with the earliest Christians,



We worship God revealed in Jesus Christ, the eternal  
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lives eternally, as saviour and sovereign, coming in  
judgement and mercy, to bring us to eternal life.

## Born of a woman

This Jesus, who we believe was there at the beginning with God (John 1), is also a child of time. He was born a Jew in the Roman province of Judea and raised in a carpenter's home in Galilee.

The Bible describes him as a travelling teacher who was widely

recognised in his time as a  
healer and worker of miracles.

The power of God's Spirit  
was apparent in his life and  
it characterised his ministry.

It linked his ministry to the  
history of Israel while also

demonstrating the divine origin of his life and work. At the  
beginning of his public life, according to Luke, he read a passage  
from the book of Isaiah and declared that the prophecy had

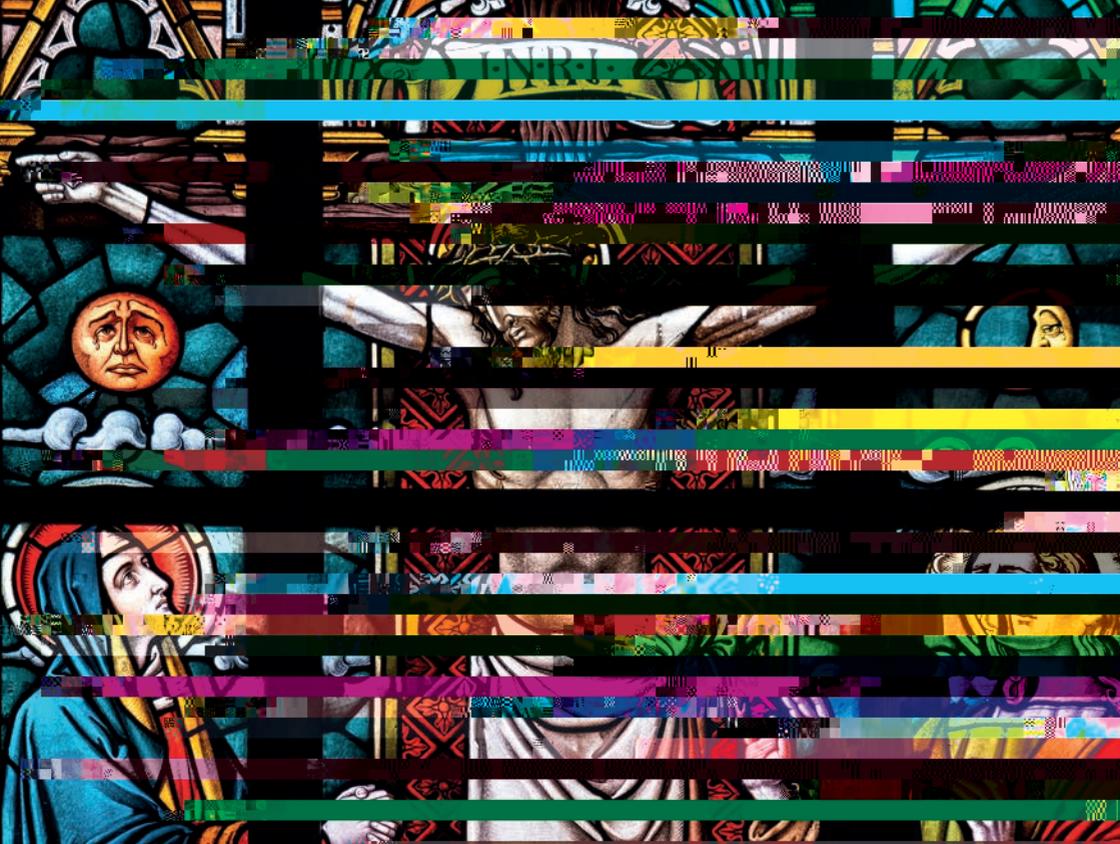
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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord  
has anointed me.

He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of  
sight to the blind,

to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of  
the Lord's favour

(Luke 4:18-19)



The New Testament writers indicate that Jesus related completely to God, whom he called 'Father'. There is perhaps nothing that shows this more clearly than his life of prayer.

that needed to be made, the more urgently he called to his Father for guidance and strength:

'During the days of Jesus' life on earth he presented petitions with loud cries and tears

to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission' (Hebrews 5:7).

**'while fully God,  
Jesus was also  
fully human'**





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