

Jesus Unmasked

Study Guide

Teacher Edition



Jesus Unmasked: Teacher Discussion Guide

This discussion guide is a companion to the *Jesus Unmasked* resource available at www.Wretched.org.

By Todd Friel

Copyright: Gospel Partners Media
3070 Windward Plaza STE F301, Alpharetta, GA 30005

No part of this book may be transmitted or transferred in any form or by any means—electronic, mechanical, photocopying, or otherwise— without written permission from the publisher. Permission is granted to make copies for individual student use within a household or classroom setting directed by the purchaser (e.g., one copy for each student may be produced for a Bible study group, Sunday school class, or family study led by the purchaser).

Visit www.Wretched.org for more products and resources.

Message From Todd

The world never seems to tire of putting masks on Jesus Christ. Unbelievers and skeptics put on disguises that read: good teacher, great example, a philosopher, just a man, an enlightened guru, liberal, and an endless litany of unbiblical descriptions. Prepare to have these masks ripped off Jesus and see Him for who He truly is: the long expected Son of God.

You are going to see the real Jesus as you study Him throughout the Old Testament. You will also see the amazing continuity of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. We do not have two books that describe a rather crabby God in the Old Testament who got a little nicer in the New Testament. We have one book preeminently about one subject: Jesus Christ.

Jesus does not make His first entrance on the world's largest stage in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus is first revealed in the Bible in Genesis 1:1, and He makes dramatic guest appearances in each and every book of the Old Testament (Luke 24:27). You are about to see that Jesus, unmasked, in every book in the Bible as you embark on a classic study of Typology (the study of types and shadows). When you are done, you will never read your Bible the same way again, and you will forever be convinced that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man.



Using This Guide

This guide has been created to help you get the most out of the book *Jesus Unmasked*. Here are some suggestions on how to maximize your time with this study:

- Read the appropriate chapters in the book BEFORE each lesson. You will get the most out of this study if you dive into the book itself. It is suggested that participants have a copy of the book, *Jesus Unmasked*, prior to beginning the study.
- After reading the appropriate chapter(s), answer the questions found in this guide. Most questions will reference material found in the book (page numbers have been provided for your reference). However, there are some questions that require you to reference Strong's Concordance. Access to this may be found here: <https://biblehub.com/strongs.htm>.
- Some lessons may be completed quicker than others. If you are unable to get through a lesson in one sitting, don't worry. You will still get a lot out of the class. I promise.
- Pray before and after each class based on the Bible verses and content of the chapter(s) covered. If you have time, you will find it helpful to write out your prayers in advance. The more you load your prayers with Bible truths, the more powerful your prayers will be.

CONTENTS

Who Is This Man?	4
Big, Fancy Words	8
Mask: Jesus Was Just A Man	12
Mask: Jesus Didn't Exist	20
Jesus Is My Bellhop	24
Jesus Is My Vending Machine	31
Jesus Was A Dispenser of Morals	37
Jesus Was A Good Teacher	45
Jesus Is Your Buddy	52
Jesus Is A Way to God	56
Jesus Is A Fable	65
Jesus Was A Crackpot	72
Jesus Was A Prophet or Enlightened Being	80
Jesus Is Just Another Bible Character	92
Jesus Is A Higher Power	95
Jesus Would be a Socialist, Democrat or Republican	100
Jesus Is A Created Being	111
Jesus Is My Boyfriend	117
Epilogue	125

Chapter 1 & 2

Who Is This Man?

"He performed miracles, wonder, and signs, as a man in right relationship to God...not as God. If He performed miracles because He was God, then they would be unattainable for us."

- Bill Johnson

Who Is This Man?

1. After reading pages 18 and 19 of *Jesus Unmasked*, what are the three things that made Jesus stand out in Israel?

ANSWER

- A. Illness obliterated
- B. His preaching
- C. How He taught what He taught

2. How were Jesus's healings different from a contemporary televangelist? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 18)

ANSWER

Jesus actually healed, totally and completely. He wasn't a charlatan.

3. Read Luke 4:40 (page 18, *Jesus Unmasked*), then look up Strong's Greek 770 and write out what you learn about the word "sick."

ANSWER

The Greek word is *astheneo*. It means weak, without strength, feeble, powerless. These were people with dire diseases who could not operate without help and assistance. They were truly, desperately sick.

4. Also from Luke 4:40, look up Strong's Greek 2323, and write out what you learn about the word "healing."

ANSWER

The Greek word is *therapeuo*. We get the English word "therapeutic" from it. It means to heal, to restore to health, to cure. This denotes the full and total cure of the disease. This wasn't just a fuzzy feeling of being slightly better. Jesus not only cured the profoundly sick, He cured all side effects and restored people to complete health.

5. Israel had not seen such miraculous healings since the Old Testament time of Elisha/Elijah. Upon seeing these healings, what should have been the response from the people of Israel?

ANSWER

The miracles themselves should have been proof that Jesus was certainly similar to the Old Testament prophets. Such miraculous events should have sent them scrambling to search the Scriptures.

6. Read page 18 of *Jesus Unmasked*. Jesus proclaimed to a paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven. (Luke 5:20) Why was this scandalous?

ANSWER

Because God alone can forgive sins. This was tantamount to Jesus proclaiming He was God. In Israel, this was blasphemy deserving of execution!

Not only did Jesus obliterate disease and infirmities and forgive sins, He also preached in a way that was a unique departure from how the Scribes were teaching and preaching.

7. On page 19 of *Jesus Unmasked*, read Matthew 7:28–29. The word “amazed” means more than what we think it means in current English. Look up Strong’s Greek 1605, *ekplesso*, and write down what you learn about this word.

ANSWER It means to be exceedingly struck in mind; to be astonished.

8. What did you learn about the behavior of Jesus among His followers? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 19)

ANSWER He was living and serving among the people of Israel, not keeping Himself distant and separate the way the Pharisees and Sadducees did. He was clearly a man who was markedly different in behavior and lifestyle.

Just as He was unforgettable during his ministry, so too was the last week of His life. Many could only ask, “Who was this man?”

As we begin to answer this question, you may be tempted to think you know all there is to know about Jesus. Our prayer is that your response will cause you to be *ekplesso*.

9. How did the Jews know a Messiah was coming? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 21)

ANSWER It was prophesied in the Old Testament.

10. On page 21 of *Jesus Unmasked*, what kind of Messiah were many waiting for?

ANSWER A political or military leader who would throw off the oppressive yoke of the Roman Empire.

It was clear that many of the Jews were seeking an end to their “here and now” oppression in the earthly realm, ignoring their much bigger need for the redemption of their souls from the bondage of the law and sin.

11. Based on the quality and quantity of Jesus’s miracles, why were the Jews confused about who Jesus was? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 21–22)

ANSWER Jesus didn’t act like a military general or political deliverer. People loved that He was healing their loved ones, and they longed for a political and military “healing” for their nation. They were blind to the true Messiah they desperately needed for their sick and dying souls. He didn’t fit their pre-conceived notion of what the Messiah was to be, ignoring the Biblical markers and signposts given in Scripture.

12. There were three questions asked of Jesus during His last two days on earth. What were they? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 22)

ANSWER

- A. Are you the Christ?**
- B. Are you the King of the Jews?**
- C. Are you not the Christ?**

It appears that a lack of knowledge of Old Testament prophecy was the greatest factor in the confusion about who Jesus was and what His mission was here on earth.

13. How do we know that the Old Testament books prophecy about Jesus? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 23–24)

ANSWER

In Luke 24: 13-27, we read about the risen Christ explaining “the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures” to the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

The life and ministry of Jesus Christ was described, defined, explained, and prophesied in the Old Testament. More than that, the entire thrust of the Old Testament led up to the unveiling of The Messiah.

14. How can we know that the Bible is true? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 24)

ANSWER

Because it is axiomatic, or self--proving.

15. How can we prove that God “lives in the Bible”? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 24)

ANSWER

When we peer into the contents of Scripture, we see profound brilliance that proves definitively that God wrote a book and Jesus is the leading character.

16. If the Bible were written over the course of 1500 years by forty different authors, what should we expect to see? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 25)

ANSWER

Complete chaos and disagreement. It would contradict itself.

17. Instead, we see a consistent and unmistakable theme. What is that theme? (*Jesus Unmasked* page 25)

ANSWER

Jesus

It is our prayer that this study will help you take the same walk as the disciples, on the road to Emmaus, as Jesus explained to them that the Old Testament was written about Him.