**So What?** *(Graphic)*

**Week 1:** “So what about other religions?”

 What you believe determines **where you will go in life**.

**Week 2:** “So what about creation?”

 What we believe about **creation** determines how we view **ourselves** and **life**.

**Week 3:** “So what about the Bible?”

 What we believe about the **Bible** **determines how you live your life.**

**Week 4:** “So what about pain and suffering?”

What you believe about God’s **goodness** defines your relationship with him.

**“So what about Jesus?”**

What you believe about Jesus’ **identity** determines the path you take in life.

(John 10:30)
“I and the Father **are one**.”

(John 10:30-33)
“’I and the Father are one.’ Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which one of these do you stone me?” “We are not stoning you for any good work,” they replied, “but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, **claim to be God**.”

We can **rule out** that Jesus was ***just a moral prophet*** because that would make him a **liar**.

*“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him. ‘I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.’ That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic-or he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either the man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool you can spit at Him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” -C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*

**You must make your choice:** Either this man [Jesus] was and is the **Son of God**, or He is a **mad man** or something worse.

(Matthew 26:63-64)

“Tell us if you are the Messiah, the **Son of God**.” “**Yes, it is as you say,”** Jesus said.”

(John 5:17-18)

“…Jesus said to them, “**My father** is always at his work to this very day, and **I too** am working.” For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making **himself equal with God**.”

 The ultimate proof that Jesus is God is the **resurrection**.

**Evidence for the resurrection:**

* Historical evidence
* Empty tomb
* Key witnesses were woman
* Over 500 eyewitnesses

(1 Corinthians 15:3-6)

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that **Christ died** for our sins according to the Scriptures, that **he was buried**, that he was raised on the third day according to Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to **more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time,** most of whom are **still living**,”

* The changed lives of the disciples
* Our transformed lives

(Matthew 16:13-16)

“Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “**But what about you?**” he asked. “**Who do you say I am?**” Simon Peter answered, “**You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God**.”

 So what about Jesus? Who do you say he is?