



Worship: Foundations

JESUS – THE VIDEOS

Part 1 - Who was Jesus?

The video by Revd Dr Calvin Samuel, which lasts 8 minutes, can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/248150064>

Outline:

In this video, the Revd Dr Calvin Samuel (Methodist Presbyter, and Principal of London School of Theology since 2017) explores who Jesus was. He begins by exploring Jesus' mission and 'manifesto', as expressed through his healings, teaching and nature miracles.

Jesus teaches by doing as well as saying, especially through his actions on the Cross, and the ultimate miracle is Jesus' resurrection. Calvin Samuel points out that people who heard Jesus teaching or were impacted by his activities were bound to have asked themselves, as we do today, 'who is this Jesus?' However, the pages of the gospels do not simply leave us guessing: the prologue to John's Gospel (John 1:1-18), for instance, gives us the backstory of Jesus.

True, Jesus is 'one of us', but he is also God's only Son and reveals God's very self.

Reflection:

What fascinates you most about who Jesus was?

What do you find most engaging about the character of Jesus?

What do you find disturbing or uncomfortable about what Jesus said or did?

Who does the 'person in the pew' or 'person in the street' think Jesus was? Why not ask some of them?

And, if you are intending to do the Worship: Leading & Preaching course:

What are you particularly wanting to explore about Jesus during the course?