

Who Was Jesus?

World Religion/Cult	God or Man?	Who Jesus Was	Jesus' Purpose on Earth	Salvation
Christianity	Both: fully God and fully man.	Second Person of the Trinity, Son of God, Savior	Reveal the Father, die for the sins of humanity and be raised as proof of his deity.	By grace through faith alone in Jesus' sacrifice for our sins.
Baha'i Faith	Man	A "manifestation of God" and prophet. Since superseded by Muhammad and Baha'u'llah.	To reveal God's will as part of progressive revelation to humanity	
Buddhism	Man	Wise and enlightened man who taught similar things to the Buddha	To teach humanity wisdom and the way to enlightenment	Enlightenment through meditation and becoming "one" with universe.
Christian Science	Man	Wise man especially attuned to the spirit of Christ (who is the divine idea)	To teach humanity, heal, and overcome death	Unnecessary because there is no such thing as sin.
Hinduism	Views Vary	Incarnation of God akin to Krishna, or wise man	Not addressed	The way of works, the way of knowledge, or the way of devotion
Islam	Man	True prophet sent by God, superseded by Muhammad.	To reveal God's will in a progressive revelation that culminated with Muhammad	Fulfilling the works of the five pillars of the faith
Jehovah's Witnesses	Man	God's first creation, Archangel Michael in his preexistent state	Teach about God, provide model for living	By works
Judaism	Man	Jewish teacher	Teach the Law of God	By following God's law
Mormonism (LDS)	Man or a separate god from the father (Elohim)	Originally one of the spirit beings that all humans used to be. He is set apart by being the firstborn of God's spirit-children	Teach about God, provide a model for living, die sacrificially for sin	General salvation for all, individual salvation for each person. Everyone goes to one of three "kingdoms" of glory.
Scientology	Man	Teacher and healer	Show the power of positive thinking	Unnecessary since man is good
Unitarian/Universalism	Man	Great teacher, faith-healer, "incarnation of God's love"	Demonstrate God's love for humanity and teach about justice and compassion	Unnecessary