

# "Get in the Word"

Lesson 26 of 94

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## Christian History- Introduction

## Lesson #1

### The Early Years

**What this lesson is *and* is not:** It is not preaching to grow any particular church. It is a discussion and providing information on the history of Christianity. Christianity means "to be like Jesus Christ" or a "follower and believer in Christ."

1. What were the first believers that formed the early church called (Acts 11:26)?

Before we ask who is Jesus, we need to get a basic understanding of Man.

### What is Man and what does it mean to be Human?

1. What is man created and designed with (1 Thessalonians 5:23)?

Pascal, French philosopher/mathematician stated that there is "a God sized hole in every person."

We have it built into each of us to worship because, in addition to being physical creatures with natural bodies, we are also spiritual creatures with spirits. Throughout history people become like what they worship. (Example: Take your pick throughout history- From the Roman Coliseum, Hitler's Germany, Modern Iraq, and even Modern America).

### Who is Jesus?

Jesus Christ is one of the most influential figures throughout history.

1. What do you think about Jesus Christ? His life and teachings?
2. What books of the Bible describe the Life of Jesus in-depth?

C.S. Lewis stated that there are really only three possible opinions of who Jesus is.

- A Liar - His teachings and principles were not 100 percent true. Maybe some parts could be added to your life as a general philosophy.
  - A Lunatic - He promoted peace and yet was confrontational; He could be described as was a walking revolution. Jesus' words Influenced Gandhi...but He said He was God. He said if reject Him there are eternal consequences.
  - A Lord – It all comes down to belief. We can refuse or accept what He said.
3. Who do you think Jesus is?

When I had a son, my last name became his last name. When I was born, my father's last name became my last name. When my father was born, his dad's last name became his last name and so on, and so on...

Have you ever found anyone who was able to trace their family back to the VERY beginning? I mean the very origin of their family tree and history? Me neither, although I do know that spiritually speaking I got my name from Jesus, who was named after His Daddy....



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