

**Message Study Guide**

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

**Warming up**

1. Who is or was your favorite actor or artist that you follow on social media? Why?

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it. Use the notes or referenced scriptures related to the verses to add to the discussion.

2. Read Luke 5:27-43
  - a. What does Jesus call Levi to do?
  - b. What is the purpose of Jesus in this this world?
  - c. What does it mean to follow?
3. Prof. Jaroslav Pelikan, from Yale University, said this: "Regardless of what anyone may personally think or believe about Him, Jesus of Nazareth has been the dominant figure in the history of Western culture for almost 20 centuries." Do you agree with this quote?
4. Read the list of statements below to the claims of Jesus in John 8:12; 10:9-16; 14:5-11. What does Jesus say?  
Other religions say the following:  
"Follow me and I'll show you how to find truth."  
"Follow me and I'll show you the way to salvation."  
"Follow me and I'll show you how to become enlightened."  
"Follow me and I'll show you many doors that lead to God."
5. Read Matthew 11:1-5
  - a. What are your thoughts?

- b. What was Jesus response to John the Baptist?
  - c. Why do you think Jesus responded in this manner?
6. Read Colossians 1:15-20
- a. Who is Jesus?
  - b. Whos is Jesus to you?

### **Application**

**Below are some key points to take away from this study. Take time to discuss the points and pray together:**

- Every other religion I've ever seen is based on people **DOING SOMETHING**.
- **ONE OF THE BIGGEST FLAWS...**This world is full of christians who bend their will but don't let God melt their heart.
- **The miracles prove:**
  - God is with Jesus (John 3:2);
  - Jesus is from God (John 3:2; 9:342-33);
  - God sent Jesus (John 5:36);
  - Jesus has authority on earth to forgive sins (Mark 2:10-11; Matt. 9:6-7; Luke 5:24-25);
  - Jesus is approved by God (Acts 2:22);
  - The Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father (John 10:37-38; 14:11);
  - In Jesus the kingdom of God has come (Matt. 12:28; Luke 11:20);
  - Jesus is the Messiah (Matt. 11:1-6; Luke 7:18-23)
  - Jesus is the Son of God (Matt. 14:25-33).