

PURPOSE CHURCH

SUNDAYS 8:30am | 10:00am | 11:30am

MAY 17, 2026



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GREAT QUESTION

HOW THE BIBLE ADDRESSES OUR BIGGEST ISSUES WITH GOD



WELCOME TO PURPOSE CHURCH!

Are you new to Purpose Church?

We are so glad you are here! We want to meet you, answer any questions you might have, and help you get connected. Come to the Connect Center located in the Lobby after the service to meet our friendly team and pick up a free gift!

NEXT STEPS AT PURPOSE

We believe every person has a *next step* to take. We are here to help you discover and take yours.

Have you decided to follow Jesus?
Do you want to get baptized?
Do you need hope, healing and support?
Are you looking for meaningful community?

Head to: purposechurch.com/nextsteps



EVERYONE EVERYWHERE FOLLOWING JESUS

PRAYER

We would love to pray with you!
Please stop by the prayer room
after the service or submit a
prayer request online.
purposechurch.com/prayer

GIVING

We believe that generous people
transform the world! Offering
boxes are available in the lobby on
Sundays or you can give online.
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WAS JESUS A HISTORICAL PERSON AND WHAT DID HE SAY AND DO?

May 17, 2026 / Pastor Eric Holmstrom

Great Resources For Great Questions About God, Faith, And The Bible
Sermons + Slides: purposechurch.com/greatquestion

#1 - DID JESUS EVEN _____ ?

Matthew 1:1, 21, 2:1, 4:18-21, Acts 1:15-16, Acts 5:29, 40

#2 - DID JESUS _____ TO BE GOD?

Biblical Evidence For The Claim That Jesus Is God...

- The disciple John claimed Jesus was God (John 1:18)
- The Jewish leaders believed Jesus claimed He was God (John 5:18)
- Jesus claimed to be God when He said "I am" (John 8:57-59)
- Jesus claimed to be God when He declared oneness with the Father (John 10:30-33)
- Jesus claimed to be God by allowing His followers to worship Him (Matthew 14:33)
- Jesus was crucified because He claimed to be God (John 19:7)
- Jesus claimed to be God by rising from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:2-4)

#3 - DID JESUS TALK ABOUT MONEY, HELL, AND OTHER _____ TOPICS?

Did Jesus talk about money?

Luke 16:13

Did Jesus talk about Hell?

Matthew 10:28

Luke 19:10

Did Jesus talk about lust?

Matthew 5:28-29

Did Jesus talk about loving enemies?

Matthew 5:43-48

NEXT SUNDAY | MAY 24

Why is there so much suffering in the world?

#4 - DID JESUS EXPECT HIS FOLLOWERS TO GIVE UP THEIR LIVES FOR HIM?

Luke 9:22-26

Luke 12:15

REFLECT | DISCUSS | PRACTICE

- 1. REFLECT:** How did you sense God speaking to you through the sermon and Bible verses?
- 2. DISCUSS:** If you could sit down with Jesus Christ for 10 minutes and ask Him one question, what would you ask Him and why?
- 3. DISCUSS:** Read John 8:57-59 and John 10:30-33. Why do you think the religious leaders reacted so strongly to Jesus' claims?
- 4. DISCUSS:** Which of Jesus' difficult teachings challenges you the most personally right now: money and materialism (Luke 16:13), judgment and Hell (Matthew 10:28), purity and lust (Matthew 5:28-29), or loving enemies (Matthew 5:43-48)? How does our culture tend to resist or redefine Jesus' teachings in these areas?
- 5. DISCUSS:** Read Luke 9:22-26 and Philippians 3:7-8. Jesus taught that following Him would cost us something. In your current season of life, what might Jesus be asking you to surrender, trust Him with, or place in His hands?
- 6. PRACTICE:** Make a check-list on your phone or in a journal and try to intentionally and genuinely do these six things: (1) forgive someone, (2) confess a struggle, (3) give generously, (4) turn away from temptation, (5) encourage an enemy or difficult person, (6) choose prayer over anxiety.

Fill in the blanks: EXIST, CLAIM, TOUGH

