

# BE DIFFERENT LIVE DIFFERENT

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1. To whom is Jesus speaking?
  - a. He is speaking to those who are hoping that they have been good enough.
  - b. He is speaking to those desiring to be in His kingdom.

2. What is Jesus saying?

- a. God created you for the purpose of being His image bearer in this world.
- b. God is going to judge you by the standard of His own perfect character.
- c. God gave the Law to help you see that you cannot meet His standard.

3. How should you respond?

- a. Change your mind about how you measure up to the standard.
- b. Put your hope entirely in Jesus.
- c. Commit your heart to obedience by faith.

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Matthew 5-7





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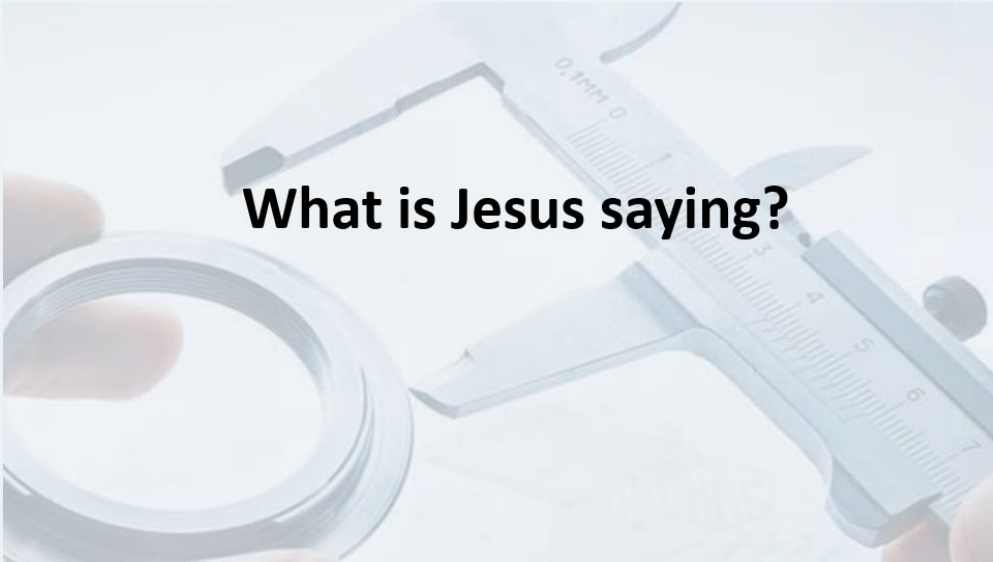
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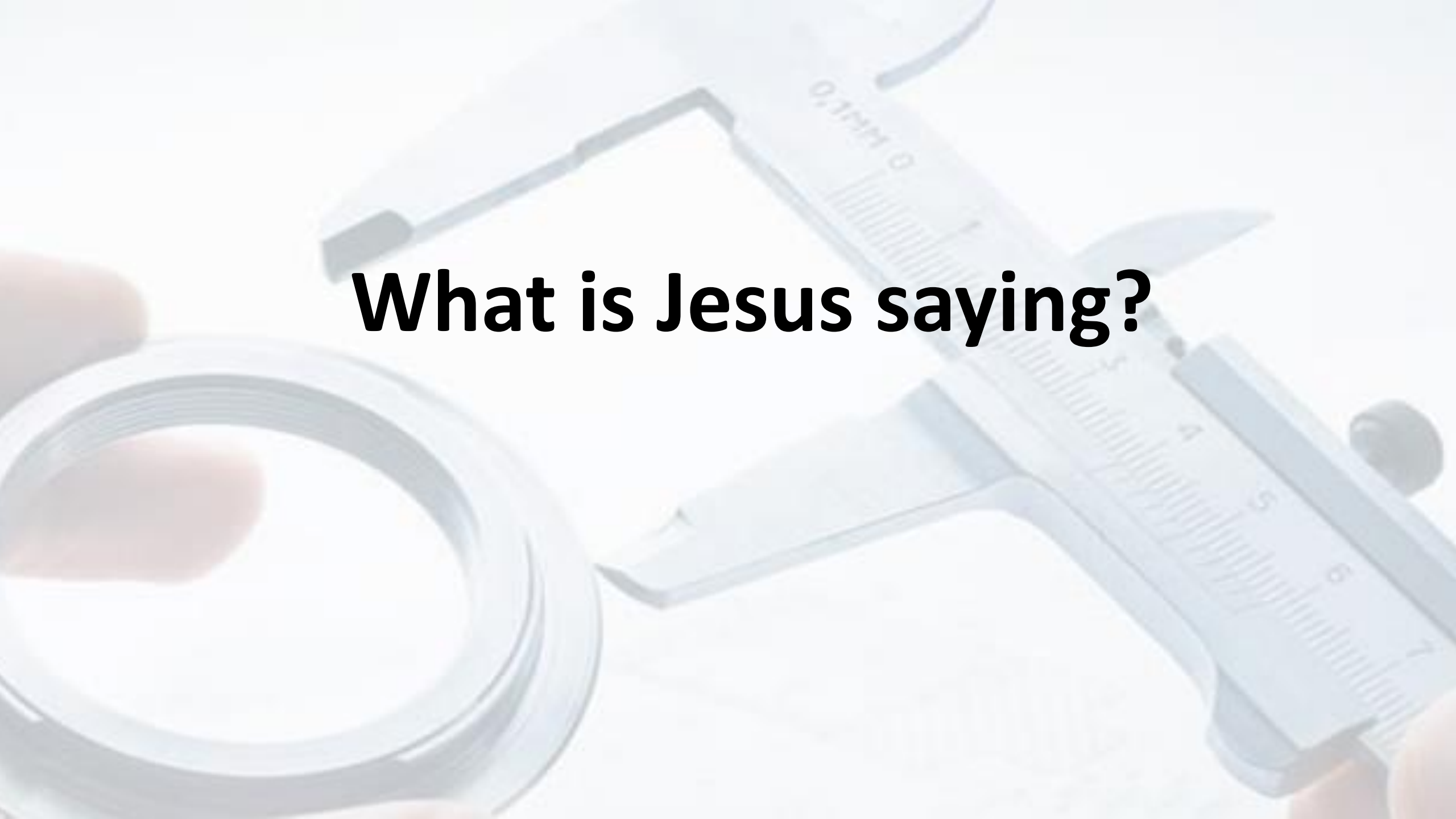
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### **Genesis 1:26-27**

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image,  
according to our likeness...”

And God created man in His own image,  
in the image of God He created him;  
male and female He created them.



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**Leviticus 19:2**

Speak to all the congregation of the sons  
of Israel and say to them,  
“You shall be holy,  
for I the LORD your God am holy.”

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### **Galatians 3:10**

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” (ESV)

### **James 2:10**

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

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**Romans 3:23**

For all have sinned and are falling short  
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**Romans 6:23**

For the wages of sin is death.

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### **Hebrews 2:17**

Therefore, [Jesus] had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

**John 3:16**

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.



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**Do you know for sure that  
you are going to be OK when  
you meet God?**