People have all kinds of opinions about Jesus. Some see him as a mythical character of ancient times. Some view him as a great moral teacher and example, while others consider him a charlatan. Still others see him as a miracle worker. And there are those who believe him to be the Son of God, the Savior of the world. You may have heard many things about Jesus—from his antagonists and from his adherents. They all make their claims; and, who is right.

For a few moments, set aside all of the things you have heard about Jesus, and let Jesus speak for himself.

Jesus said:

"I who speak to you am he [The Messiah]." (John 4:28)

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my will but the will of him who sent me. (John 6:38)

"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life... (John 6:40)

"I am from above. You are of this world, I am not of this world. (John 8:23)

"Unless you believe that I am he [The Messiah] you will die in your sins." (John 8:24)

"Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life... (John 5:24)

"Unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)

"Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' (John 3:7)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

"My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish... (John 10:27-28)

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live... (John 11:25)

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." (John 12:32)

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:14-18)

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations. (Luke 24:46-47)

"The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day." (John 12:48)

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? (Matthew 16:26)

This is what Jesus said. Do you believe Him?

Unfortunately, believing Jesus is not the same as believing in Jesus. Just as believing that an airplane can safely carry you to your destination is not the same as getting in the plane and trusting it to carry you to your destination. Just believing Jesus will not get you to Heaven. You must believe in Him.

Where does that leave you? Do you believe what Jesus said? If you do, good. Now, will you believe in him? Will you agree with Jesus that you are lost in sin, without hope, without Him. Will you not only believe what He says but personally trust what He says? If so, tell Him so.

“Lord, Jesus, I believe what you have said. I recognize that I am a lost sinner and you are my only means of rescue. I put my complete trust in you for my life and eternal destiny, and I give my life to you to use as you see fit.”

People have all kinds of opinions about Jesus, and I know many Christians who have not committed their lives to Jesus but believe in Jesus. But I did not say, “Do you believe in Jesus?” I said, “Do you believe Jesus?”