

# Who is Jesus?

## Odd-One Out

### Joseph

- His decision to stay with Mary
- Even though she was pregnant
- And not his child!
- Because he new that this was the Messiah

### Shepherds

- Lowest in society
- Not much more than illegal immigrants
- They decided to come and worship this new child
- Because they new that this was the Messiah

### The Wise Men

- Followed a star
- Reputed to lead to Messiah
- Despite not finding him in a Royal Palace
- Followed it to a small town stable
- And worshipped the baby that is the Messiah

### Herod

- Took the prophecy of the Messiah seriously
- But instead of wanting the Worship the new King
- He planned to get rid of this threat to his throne
- He did not worship, he wanted to persecute Jesus
- He is the Odd One Out

## How do we see this Jesus?

- Nice story to be told over Christmas?
- But long since history?
- Not relevant into today's world?

## Isaiah

- Prophet writing 740 before Jesus was born
- About someone who would rule the country of Judah with kindness, justice and compassion
- Resulting in peace
- He did not know that his prophecy would be fully completed in Jesus

## Three aspects of the Messah

### 1. He will come out of the line of King David

- The famous King that even the Jews today remember
- But more importantly, he will have the Spirit of God
- Wisdom, understanding, counsel, might
- And he will know God
- And he will obey (fear) God

### 2. He will be righteous

- Not based on what he sees or hears
- But based on what God tells him
- He will judge, he will provide justice to the poor and needy
- He will be faithful
- But he will also address evil and people who are evil
- He won't let bad people get away with it.

### 3. His reign will be peaceful

- Even nature will be at peace
  - wolf - lamb
  - leopard - goat
  - Vegetarians
  - People will look after nature in the right way
- This is because everyone knows God
- And everyone follows God

## Relevant today?

- More than 2700m years ago - can't be
- And this baby Jesus was born more than 2000 years ago
- This is Old News
- Not worthy of have I got news for you!

## Elections

### Studied all the manifestos?

- Is there one you like completely?
- I find that each has attractive things and things I would not want to happen
- I would find it difficult to cast my vote on Dec 12

### But what about the Messiah's Manifesto

- Peace on earth
- Justice, Righteousness and Compassion
- Help for the poor, in what ever way we are poor
- Including Green Earth policies
- Where do I vote?

## Elect Jesus

- You can vote now - he is here
- He lived his live as a human being
- But he was executed on a cross
- Even though he could not be charged
- His message was so controversial
- Love God above all - Love each other as ourselves
- That he had to die
- But he rose from the dead on Easter
- He ascended to heaven where he is with God the Father
- And he has given us of his Spirit - the one who he received from God
- So that we can live in the way that he wants us to live
- So how do I elect him?
- In your hearts
- Say that you want him to be your master
- That we are sorry for not noticing him and live our lives according to what we think best - not what Jesus wants of us
- And accept him in your life

## That would be the greatest Christmas Gift

- Jesus forgives you
- And he opens his arms for you
- And he welcomes you in his life
- A better gift no one can give you, ever!
- Amen