

The Second Article— Jesus Christ: True God

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF JESUS?

Scene I: Nazareth, A.D. 31

Judah: Just who is this Jesus of Nazareth?

Simeon: Oh, He's only Joseph the carpenter's son grown full of His own big ideas.

Miriam: Nol He's a great healer! He healed my father's hand!

Samuel: He must be the chief of devils. He orders them around.

Anna: That's not true! I think He's Elijah the prophet returned to finish his work. Maybe God will use Him to restore His kingdom on earth to the glory of King David's time.

Lemuel: I think He's the long-awaited Messiah; the Son of David who will save us from our sins.

Scene II: Your neighborhood, this year

Sandi: What do you think of Jesus?

José: I think He lived so long ago that what He said and did is too old-fashioned for people of today.

Sammy: Oh, nol He's the greatest man who ever lived.

Shana: Do you really think so? I think those stories of His life are just that—so many stories.

_____: (Tell how you would state YOUR witness about who you believe Jesus is.)

ion, or our own theories. God's Word is the only fully trustworthy source of information about the true identity of Jesus.

JESUS IS CALLED GOD

The Bible shows that Jesus is *true God* by calling Him by names used only for God. On blanks after each Bible reference, write the name of God that Jesus is called.

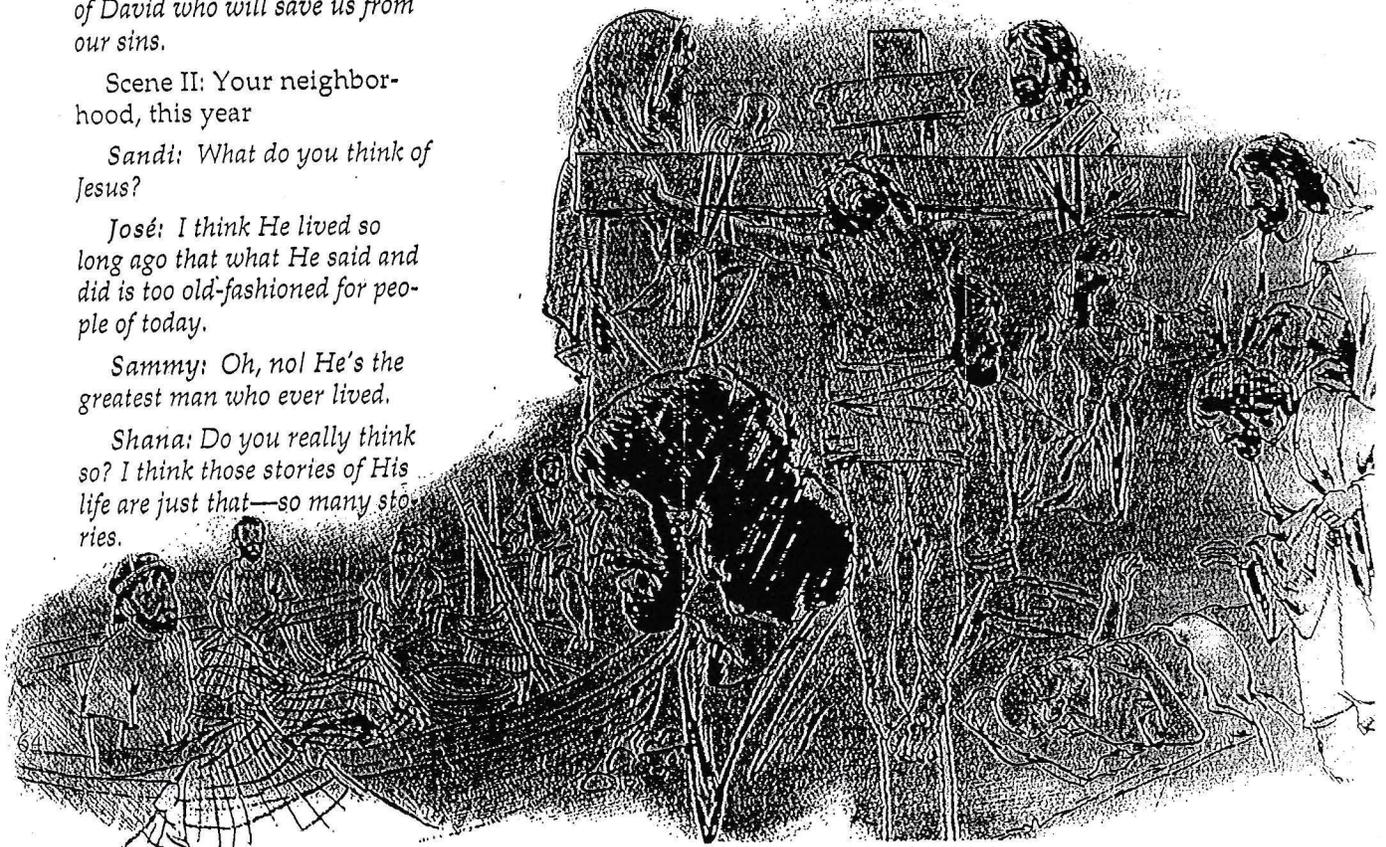
1. 1 John 5:20

2. Matthew 16:16

3. John 20:28

JESUS: IDENTITY CONFIRMED

People have been trying to discover just who Jesus is for many centuries. Ideas vary today as they did 19 centuries ago. Yet, who Jesus is remains an eternally important question for each of us. It is far too important to be answered by rumor, public opin-

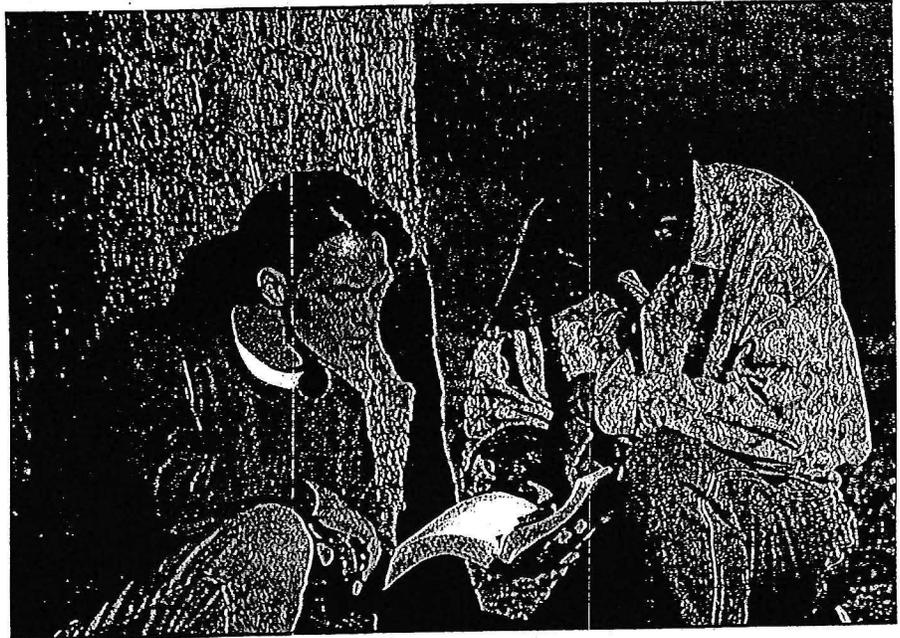


4. Matthew 17:5

THE DESCRIPTION FITS ONLY GOD

Besides calling Jesus by divine names, the Bible describes Him in ways that could only describe God. Tell in your own words how each of the following references describes Jesus as God.

1. John 1:2-3



KNOW HIM BY HIS ACTS

Jesus, true man, did things that only God can do. Select one or more of the following references and read it very carefully. Then, on the spaces provided, answer the questions. If others report on the references you did not choose, fill in that information as well.

1. "The Healing of the Paralytic," Mark 2:1-12

a. What was Jesus doing when the men brought the paralytic to Him?

b. Why did Jesus' statement in verse 5 anger the scribes?

c. What two things did Jesus do that show He is God?

2. Matthew 28:20b

3. Hebrews 13:8

4. John 21:17

