

Who is Jesus? *Take-home questions*
March 24, 2019, Third Sunday in Lent
United Parish in Brookline

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. (Mark 8:27-30)

Who is Jesus?

How did you first learn about Jesus/Christ?

What was your understanding?

How would you describe your relationship to Jesus/Christ? *Feel free to draw or write.*

Where is there comfort or discomfort when you think about Jesus/Christ?

Many titles and images for Jesus

There are many names and titles for Jesus in the Bible- among them are:

Messiah	Bread of Life	Lord
Christ	Alpha and Omega	King
Son of God	Morning Star	Chosen One
Prophet	the Resurrection and the Life	the Way
Teacher	the Living Water	the Truth
Shepherd	Advocate	a mother hen gathering her chicks
Lamb of God	Perfector of our Faith	Prince of Peace
Rabbi	Bridegroom	King of the Jews
Emmanuel	Great High Priest	Master
Logos (Wisdom/Word)	Servant	Redeemer
Second Adam	True Vine	Savior
Rock	Wonderful Counselor	the Light of the World

Is there a title or role that resonates with you in particular?

Are there any that rub you the wrong way?

Are there other images or titles that you'd add to this list?

Do you have a favorite Gospel story or "version" of Jesus from among the four Gospels? Why does this story or portrait resonate with you?

Your evolving notion of Jesus

What events, influences, or people helped shape and re-shape your perception of who Jesus is?

How has your understanding of Jesus/Christ changed or evolved over time?

How would you like to expand or deepen your understanding of Jesus?

Jesus Moments

When do you encounter Jesus in your daily life?

Take a moment to imagine: Jesus is going to be passing through your area tomorrow. What might Jesus look like in the 21st century? How might Jesus dress and talk? Where might Jesus spend time with followers and friends? Who might feel threatened by Jesus in the 21st century? Who might be drawn to Jesus? Who might be Jesus' disciples? *Feel free to write or Draw*

Try imagining Jesus as a different gender, race, age, and class from your own- what feelings or thoughts does that bring up?