

# WHO IS JESUS?

## Reflection for the Second Sunday in Lent

March 2019 —Thursday after Ash Wednesday

[DT 30:15-20; PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; LK 9:22-25](#)

Since I started the Master of Divinity program here at JST, my dad has taken to asking me theological questions. I love our conversations and appreciate how interested he is in what I am studying, but honestly, sometimes I do not know the answers. Recently he asked me why Jesus calls himself, “the Son of Man.” After doing some research, I gave him the simple answer of how this title is a sign of Christ’s humanity, and it is also a phrase we hear in the Old Testament. Even though my dad expressed contentment with my answer, I could tell that he was still yearning to know more.

Behind his questions there is a deep desire to get know who Jesus really is. Who was this “Son of Man” who in Luke’s Gospel healed the unnamed women with a haemorrhage, rose Jairus’s sleeping daughter from the dead, and fed 5000 with five loaves and two fishes? Who is Jesus who asks us to take up our cross and follow him daily?

We all have this deep desire, like my Dad, to get to know Jesus. We talk about Jesus all the time here at JST by analysing the Gospels and critiquing Christological notions. But we sometimes fail to remember that underneath it all is this deep longing to get closer to Jesus in our own lives. We fill our heads with knowledge of God but forget that knowledge should lead to relationship. Life gets busy, but Lent allows us to dive into a personal relationship with God if we want it. Whatever you are giving to God this Lent, allow the reality of Jesus to marinate in your heart. Let our questions inspire us to grow deeper into relationship with God.

*Loving God, be with us during this time of Lent so that we may get to know you more in our own lives. Allow us to take this journey one day at a time and let go of any expectations we may have. Give us strength and courage to be willing to lose ourselves in love to you and share that with the world. Thank you for everything. Amen.*

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