



PART 1: FOR THE WORLD

INTRODUCTION

Jesus didn't come to extend an old religion. He didn't come to just clarify old truths. He didn't come to just preach sermons and offer wise teachings. From the angel's announcement to Mary that she would give birth to a son whose "kingdom would never end," it was clear: Jesus would do something new for the world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What influenced your first impressions of Jesus—church, movies, television, art? How accurate were those first impressions?
2. What, if anything, surprised you about the Jesus that Andy described during the message?
3. Read John 1:15–18. Do you tend to view religion as a collection of laws (rules) or as a relationship with God that is defined by grace and truth? What shaped your view?
4. During the message, Andy said, “The Bible is God’s Word, but every word is not for everybody.” Do you agree with that statement? How does it challenge your view of the Bible?
5. Is it difficult for you to believe that Jesus came to do something new for you? Why or why not?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus didn't enter the world in order to protect the status quo. He came to overturn it by changing our relationship with God. Jesus was the bridge between the Old and New Covenants. He was born under one to introduce the other. And he did it for the world.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

John 1:9–10