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Say hello to someone!

 **Simon Ostrowski**  
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Controversial  
katerwauld, katterwauld  
objection  
going one or likely to give rise to public  
disagreement.



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To some, Jesus is the Son of God, the awaited, the  
Christ—born to a virgin just more than 2,000 years  
ago (perhaps, not a consensus of historians, around  
4 B.C.).

To others, Jesus is just a man, albeit a man who  
spurred, through his teachings and exemplary life,  
several faiths now incorporated into Christianity.

And to still others He is little more than a myth.  
Maybe He lived, they say, but His stature as a great  
and transcendent human being is a hazy, distant  
impression of Paul and, then, the Gospel writers,  
who required a charismatic savior for their nascent  
church. He is, say these skeptics, no deity.

Whether like or not, Jesus—in whose name,  
nearly, wars have been fought, and awful deeds  
done—is a model that, day in day, encourages much  
good, a mirror that reflects, for many of us, our  
hopes.

We see Jesus as many different people—divine son,  
savior, revolutionary, sage, martyr—**distilled in  
our personal beliefs and values, our personal  
world.** A great many of us, Christmas and not, want  
Jesus in our lives. We want to be like Him. We  
want to be like Him. We want Him to be like us.

**Backstory:**  
"Who are you expecting?"

>People

>Promises

>Prophecy

>Politics

**Next week:** Time-less