

## **People of Influence**

Wars come and go. Battles are won and lost. Businesses are bought and sold. Nations rise and fall. Scientific discoveries come to light on a daily basis. These and other pertinent events influence human history in a myriad of special ways. However, none of them (even combined together) is as influential as a powerful personality. History is written by names: Adam, Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua are but a few. It is people who engage in wars, and battles, and businesses, and discovery. It is people who ponder the nature of the universe God created. The cause and collapse of events in this world are instigated by the personalities of people interacting with their surroundings, and with other people, and their ideas. In all of human history, one name, one Man, has risen to the pinnacle of every list containing personalities from every walk in the history of life. It shall be the only “unique” Son who exerts the very best influence in the hearts and minds of people—forever—Jesus Christ!

During this time of year we will hear information that is true and that which is false. Please, uplift the noble and forgive the ignorant. Sincerely seek to educate and enlighten people by using your Christian influence with kindness, joy, and love. Be the very best example for people to experience concerning the truth of Jesus Christ. Because of the influence of Jesus, His life and teachings have been more closely scrutinized than any other in human history. How would you survive the surveillance? The intense scrutiny of Jesus results in a number of different reactions.

Some have concluded that Jesus was a liar who deceived thousands of people in the time in which

He lived, and billions since then. Some have approached a study of His life with skepticism, only to

arrive on the other side of their spiritual and intellectual journey as firm believers in the deity of Christ. A number of people have chosen the middle ground, in which they acknowledge that Jesus

was an amazing teacher and a good man, but they deny He was the Son of God.

Will you believe Him? Have you confessed your sins against Almighty God by repenting? Have you placed your life under His influence? Have you died to the sinful life by being immersed in water? Do you continue to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord of your life?

What have you decided about the influence of Jesus?

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