

# Choices

## Discipleship Leader

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*Your life is shaped by the choices you make*



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# Introduction

Think of your life as a journey. Life, like a journey, has three characteristics. Both have a starting point, both follow a route or way, and both lead to a final destination. Some of us live our lives to the full and we arrive at a good and Godly destination. However, some of us don't make the most of our lives and we arrive at a poor and ungodly destination.

An important question to ask is:  
Why does this happen?

The answer to this important question lies in the fact that those who live their lives to the full do so because they have understood and applied the teaching of the Bible to make wise and good choices. As they have understood and applied God's Word, the Bible has shown them the best path to follow.

In Choosing God's direction for their lives, God has blessed these people with:

- His Presence
- His Power
- His Provision and
- His Plan.

There are people who choose a different direction for their lives. Those who fail to make the most of their lives have not understood and applied the teaching of the Bible to their lives. This has resulted in them to making choices that are foolish and bad. Sadly, these choices bring with them the potential to cause pain and suffering in their lives.

As you complete each module of this course, it will be important for you to think carefully about how you are going to answer the following main question, simply stated in this faith fact:

Faith fact:  
Your life is shaped by the Choices you make.

So, think of CHOICES as an adventure of discovery about your friendship with Jesus and how, when you invite Him into your life and He lives in you, you can live life to the fullest!

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## Module 1

JESUS and Me

The choice in this module is between:

Choice A

Jesus is who the Bible says He is

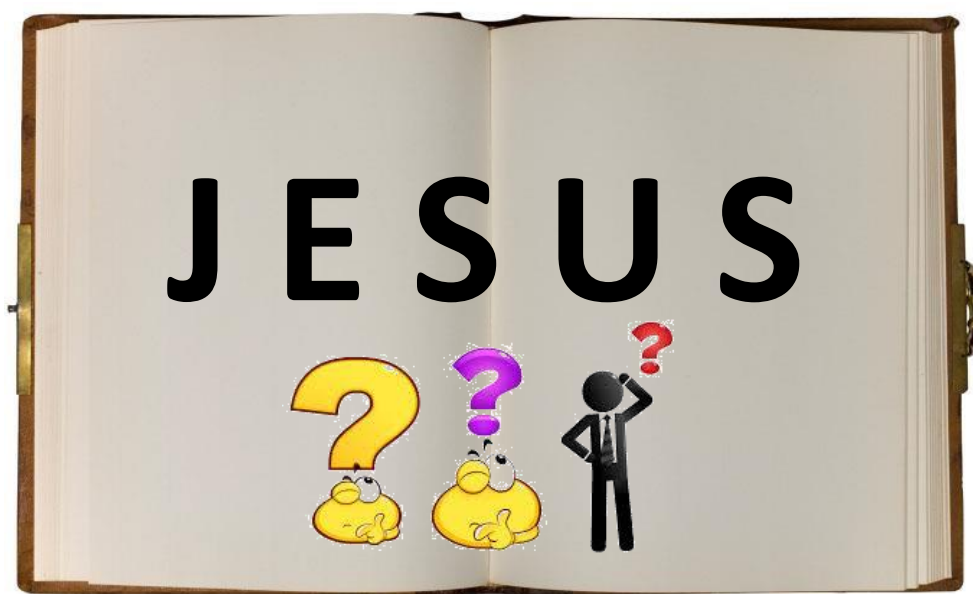
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Choice B

Jesus is not who the Bible says He is

## Introduction

Ever since Jesus first walked on this earth, people have always been amazed by Him. Some have accepted what He said concerning who He was and what His mission to each one of us was. Others have rejected Jesus. Some have denied that He even existed. In this module of CHOICES, you are asked to make a choice between believing what the Bible reveals concerning who Jesus is, or to reject it.



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**Let's first study** Choice A.

**Jesus is who the Bible says He is.**

The first four books in the New Testament were written by men who knew Jesus. They wrote books that described the life of Jesus and also included the words of Jesus.

One of the best ways to get to know Jesus is to read what those who actually knew Him wrote about Him. Read the portions of scripture below and list your discoveries.

The Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 4: 23-25.

List one thing Matthew teaches you about Jesus.



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The Gospel of Mark

Mark 1: 9-11.

List one thing Mark teaches you about Jesus.

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The Gospel of Luke  
Luke 4: 16-22.

List one thing Luke teaches you about Jesus.

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The Gospel of John  
John 5: 1-9.

List one thing John teaches you about Jesus.

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## Define Jesus

We are going to study this topic by discovering the definition (meaning) of the name of Jesus. At the end of your research, you will discover that although time has moved on, Jesus has remained the same person throughout history.

The name of Jesus defines or gives meaning to who He is.

Before we get to the meaning of the name of Jesus, let's first do this simple activity. Parents sometimes give their children a name that has a special meaning. If you know what your name means then write it below.

If you do not know, then find out. It's really interesting – you may be surprised!

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_

Read Matthew 1:18 – 23.

From these verses in Matthew, answer the questions below concerning the definition (meaning) of Jesus' name.

Question 1: What does 'Jesus' mean?

Answer: Jesus is the Greek form of \_\_\_\_\_, which means

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Question 2: What does 'Immanuel' mean?

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"In this book, Pastor Nik Ferreira offers biblical solutions to some of the problems faced by youth today. He urges young people to make choices that will shape and impact their lives positively by reading the Bible in order to receive Gods 4Ps blessings, which are His Presence, Power, Provision and His Plan" - Ronald Khumalo.

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