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Say hello to someone!

 **Saint Chrysostom**
"Who do you say that I am?"

Contrived vs. natural
kairo's/ortho's, kairo's/ortho's
objective
going into or likely to give rise to public
disagreement.



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To some, Jesus is the Son of God, the awaited, the
Chosen, 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 mythical
invention of Paul and, then, the Gospel writers,
who required a charismatic savior for their nascent
churches. 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 or
not, heroic, 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 someone. 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