

Hebrews 13:8
The Same Jesus

I AM the Alpha ...

- I. The Search is Over
 - A. The Jesus of the Bible
 - B. The Jesus of History
- II. The Same as He Always Is
 - A. Yesterday
 - B. Today
 - C. Forever
- III. The Savior We All Will See
 - A. Some Made Like Him
 - B. Some Removed from Him

... and Omega.

Children, Listen ...

1. Where do we find all the truth we need to know about Jesus?
2. Why do some people want to believe Jesus is different from what the Bible says?
3. Jesus is God and man in one person. He lived and died as a man in a real place and time a long time ago. But death could not Him and He rose from the dead. Where is He now?
4. We don't see Him with our eyes, but Christians love Him and believe in Him. What is belief in Him called? E _ _ _ _ .

A Different Jesus

Efforts to reinvent, reimagine, repackage Jesus are all blasphemy. They are attempts to remake the Lord in an image other than that which we find in the Bible. Whether the motive is it to write Him off as myth, render Him insignificant, make Him out to be ridiculous, or even to make him less offensive and more palatable to the tastes of worldly mindedness, it is wicked. Rarely will anyone question the historicity of the person of Jesus, but many have, do and will continue to distort Who He really is by taking away from what the Bible clearly says about Him, or adding things that the Bible does not say about Him. The fundamental problem for such unbelievers is of course unbelief! The problem they have with the real Jesus is that His person demands a response of repentance, belief, and surrender. The consequences of rejecting Jesus are bad enough, but those who make Him into something He is not, and convincing others that Jesus is anyone other than He to whom the Word of God attests are guilty of an even more heinous offense. In contrast, Christians know and take great comfort in the fact that Jesus does not change, He is *the same yesterday, today and forever*, He is *the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the end*, and He is Savior forever! Why would we want any other Jesus!? We know who He is, and how much He loves us, why would we want Him to be anything else?

*Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Isaac Watts 1707