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SERIES	Jesus claimed to be the way, the truth and the life. But the question is, "Who is Jesus to you?" Your answer makes all the difference in how you view your past, how you live today, and how you'll face tomorrow.

Despite all the sin and destruction in our lives, today's sermon is a reminder that Jesus comes – not to make us pay our debt or to feel shame – but to conquer our brokenness.

- 1. Most of us can claim to be the recipient of discipline via shame tactics. What vest of shame, dunce cap, or scarlet letter have you been forced to wear by others or chosen to wear yourself? How/why is it sometimes difficult to shed this disgrace even though Jesus has already conquered it for us?
- 2. Have you ever found yourself doing good works to compensate for a sin in your life? Did your good works lessen your guilt? At some point, did you accept God's grace and find freedom?
- 3. In John 12:13, we see people praising God and laying down palm branches for Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. In less than a week, those same people demanded his crucifixion. What does this say about the human condition? Are people any different today? What does John 2:23-25 reveal that Jesus knew about people?
- 4. Jesus tells us "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). What can we learn about truth from the following scriptures: 1 John 1:6, John 8:31-32, 3 John 1:4, John 4:24, and 1 John 3:18?
- 5. How do we combat lies, thoughts, etc. that lead us away from Jesus' truth? Read 2 Corinthians 10:5 and discuss how we are to remain strong against unbelief.
- 6. Despite all the miracles, signs, and wonders Jesus had done, people still didn't believe (John 12:37). How do people doubt God today, even after clearly seeing Him at work?
- 7. Jesus conquers shame, debt, and fear. Read Romans 8:31-37. Have you ever thought that you are more than a conqueror through Christ? Why or why not? Read 2 Peter 1:3. How does this verse give you confidence to shed shame and walk in victory?
- 8. Nathan said, "The only labels that apply to you are those which can be properly applied to Christ." Read Romans 13:14. How does the admonition "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" free you from incorrectly labeling yourself?

As we begin Holy Week, reflect on your own struggles with shame, debt, or fear. If you struggle with any of these, what is preventing you from bringing it to the cross?