

This *Parent Preview* is designed to assist you in your role as your student's primary spiritual leader. This will provide advance notice before mature or sensitive topics are mentioned, as well as scripture and points to help guide conversation with your students. The Quay Students Team remains available as a resource and support to you in navigating faith conversations at home. Please send any questions to students@quaychurch.org.

Collection: Which Jesus?

Every generation has been tempted to remake Jesus into its own image. Today, that pressure comes through social media, influencers, politics, self help culture, artificial intelligence, and countless online voices. Many of these messages sound spiritual, but they often present a version of Jesus that is more comfortable, more convenient, or more culturally acceptable than the Jesus revealed in Scripture.

Throughout this six week series, students will examine some of the most common counterfeit versions of Jesus they encounter every day and compare them with what God's Word actually teaches. Our goal is not to just criticize culture for the sake of it, but rather, we want to equip students with biblical discernment so they can recognize false ideas about Jesus and confidently follow the real Christ.

We hope this series not only shapes what students believe but also creates meaningful conversations at home. Below is a brief preview of each week's topic along with a few questions you can use to continue the discussion with your student.



August 26, 2026: Who Are You Listening To?

Primary Scripture: Matthew 16:13–17; John 10:27

Key Point: Students are constantly surrounded by voices competing for their attention. This week we'll explore why Jesus, (not influencers, celebrities, or popular opinion) must be the loudest voice shaping our identity and beliefs.

Guided Questions:

- What voices do you think influence students the most today?
- What challenged you most about this week's message?
- How can we make sure Jesus' voice is louder than every other voice in our lives?

September 2, 2026: Who Is Really in Control?

Primary Scripture: Luke 22:39–46; Matthew 6:9–13

Key Point: Culture often teaches us to chase our own dreams and to “manifest” our desired reality at all costs. Jesus teaches us something very different: true faith trusts God's will, even when it isn't what we would choose.

Guided Questions:

- What is the difference between trusting God and trying to control your own future?
- Why do you think surrender can be difficult?
- Has there ever been a time when God used something unexpected for your good?

September 9: NO GATHERING, Off-site event (pre-registration required)

September 16, 2026: What Is Christianity Actually For?

Primary Scripture: Mark 8:34–38; Romans 8:28–30

Key Point: While Jesus certainly brings peace, hope, and healing, His primary purpose is not simply to make us happier or more comfortable. He came to save us from sin and transform us into His likeness.

Guided Questions:

- What do you think most people believe Christianity is for?
- What does it mean to “deny yourself and take up your cross”?
- How is becoming more like Jesus different from simply feeling better?

September 23, 2026: What Happens When Politics Remakes Jesus?

Primary Scripture: John 18:33–38; Philippians 3:20

Key Point: Our culture often pressures us to interpret everything, including Jesus, through politics and ideology. We'll discuss why our highest allegiance belongs to Christ and His Kingdom.

Guided Questions:

- Why do you think people are tempted to make Jesus fit their political views?
- What does it mean that our citizenship is in heaven?
- How can Christians engage culture without allowing culture to redefine Jesus?



September 30, 2026: Can Technology Replace Spiritual Formation?

Primary Scripture: John 14:6; Psalm 119:105

Key Point: Artificial intelligence can provide information, but it cannot replace God's Word, the Holy Spirit, or genuine discipleship. Students will learn how to wisely use technology without allowing it to become their spiritual authority.

Guided Questions:

- How do you currently use AI or technology to find answers?
- What are some benefits—and some dangers—of relying on technology for spiritual questions?
- What are practical ways we can stay rooted in Scripture while living in a digital world?

Thank you for partnering with us in discipling your student. While our conversations happen on Wednesday nights, we believe some of the most meaningful spiritual growth happens around the dinner table, in the car, or during everyday conversations at home. We hope these questions help continue what God begins each week as together we help students know, trust, and follow the real Jesus.

