

# Was Jesus a Christian?

In Mike Parsons' Youtube Short, "Was Jesus a Progressive Christian?"<sup>1</sup>, he doesn't address the term 'Christian' in the question that he answered. The inference is, therefore, that he was a Christian. In this one instance, I have to contradict Mike and disagree with him. I haven't done that before, but it's important that I do so here, do it here, respectfully.

My disagreement doesn't stem from the fact that believers were first called Christians in Antioch, well after Jesus of Nazareth was executed. Instead, my dissent is due to the fact that Christianity is the religion that developed at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century, and as such, he was not one of them, because he wasn't religious. True, he did adhere to some Jewish religious activities, but that was because they were culturally appropriate.<sup>2</sup>

The main facts to understand about what Jesus came to do are these:

1. He came to bring us back into Father's family by cancelling the effects of The Fall.
2. He came to show us what Father is really like, so we could be free to enter into an intimate, loving relationship with him, which would ultimately develop into deep oneness.
3. He didn't come to start a new religion.
4. He didn't come to create a new holy book of sacred scripture.

Mike emphasises some, but not all, of the above points in the conclusion to his teaching. He said simply: "*He came to redefine the nature of God...*"<sup>3</sup>.

It appears in Mike's video, that he's primarily interested in addressing the topic of whether Jesus was progressive, rather than whether he was a Christian. However, leaving out any comment on his affiliation with Christianity only affirms listener's beliefs that Jesus came to set up the new religion of Christianity. And that, as we know, is a false assumption.

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1 – [youtube.com/shorts/uP\\_KExzz8E0](https://www.youtube.com/shorts/uP_KExzz8E0)

2 – e.g. Passover meal

3 – [youtube.com/shorts/uP\\_KExzz8E0](https://www.youtube.com/shorts/uP_KExzz8E0)