

## LIVING FAITH: Chapter 25

*Living Faith is a family activity that helps drive home the point from this week's chapter from The Story.*

### Living Faith

In this chapter of *The Story*, Jesus makes it very clear that he is God's Son and the Messiah who's come to save people from their sins. Some people didn't like his teachings and walked away from him. The same thing happens today as people wrestle with what Jesus said. History records the fact that Jesus walked the earth and taught many people. But Jesus said he was God, and that causes a dilemma for people—or as C.S. Lewis might say a “trilemma” as they decide if they think Jesus was a liar, lunatic or Lord. Figuring out what you think about Jesus is the most important decision you'll ever make.

C.S. Lewis is best known for writing *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and all of *The Chronicles of Narnia*, but he also wrote some great books about theology, including *Mere Christianity*. In that book he writes: "I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

After reading the above excerpt from *Mere Christianity*, discuss it as a family.

- What do you like best about Lewis' thinking?
- Why is this argument so effective?
- What do you think people who aren't Jesus followers would think about these statements?

### Extra Mile

Churches love to re-enact Palm Sunday as Jesus came into Jerusalem on a donkey. Palm branches and jackets paved the way for the coming King. Jesus didn't run from his destiny of dying on a cross. He rode straight into it. Watch these two videos about Jesus' triumphal entry:

- At YouTube—"Jesus entering Jerusalem on donkey. Matthew 21.1-17"  
([www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGYAGRf03gA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGYAGRf03gA))
- At Tangle—"The Triumphal entry of the Only True Remedy for Sin"  
([www.tangle.com/view\\_video.php?viewkey=75c295c84a9bfb2fbe79](http://www.tangle.com/view_video.php?viewkey=75c295c84a9bfb2fbe79))

Did you learn anything new from these videos? Pray as a family and thank God for sending his Son to die for your sins.