

What if Jesus was NOT what you expected? Or approved of?

1. What if you are very intelligent, and you value and respect those who are smart. But Jesus came as a simple, not very complicated person.
2. What if you were very health and diet and fitness motivated individual? But he came as very nonchalant about those things.
3. What if you are very financially successful and excellent manager of money, but he didn't own a car and stayed with friends.
4. What if you take very good care of your appearance, grooming, etc but he didn't come his hair enough?
5. What if he were a race that you secretly stereotyped as bad?
6. What if he questioned authority?
7. What if he came to your church and asked too many questions?
8. What if he were a _____? gamer, gardener, salesman, clerk, fast food employee, democrat or a republican, or he didn't even vote?

What if he lived next door and you spoke every day?

What if he were these things and yet...more than you could ever expect spiritually?

1. He knew every thought you had. And you knew that he knew?
2. He knew every hurt you experienced.
3. He knew your insecurities, and your pretense.
4. He knew your pride and called you out and offended you.
5. He knew your pain and he healed you.

What if he wanted you to change everything you do (and how you do it and who you do it with) because your life got in the way of His new life for you?

What if He was NOT what you expected? Or preconceived?

What if you were Jewish and refused to believe he were the messiah?

Heb 13:2 - Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Isa 53:2 - He grew up like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

2 cor 5:16 - So from now on we regard no one from a human point of view [according to worldly standards and values]. Though we have known Christ from a human point of view, now we no longer know Him in this way.

Matt 24:23 - At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it.

James 4:4 - Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Mark 6:2 - When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? 3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

1 Peter 2:7 - This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected, has become the very head of the corner,"

Luke 9:53 - 53 but they (Samaritans) did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54 When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 Then they went on to another village.

Matt 25 - I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, I was naked and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' 44And they too will reply, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45Then the King will answer, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me.'...