

Start with slide – Jesus – Who do you say that I am

Who do you say that I am? - We've been following the story of Jesus from his birth – what is special about him.

People admire him – but then we admire lots of people – let's look at some

Slides of Paul O'Connell, Bing Crosby, Elvis, Wayne Rooney, One Direction

We might recognise these people, we might admire them – Jesus is looking for more than that.

There are people who inspire us, who make us think deeply about life, about issues. This can be very personal – the person who inspires me might not be the one who inspires you – here are three people who have inspired me down through the years.

*Michael Ramsey
Ernest Walton
Gordon Wilson*

Jesus certainly inspired people – but again there is more to him than that.

Then there are those people who have made us the people we are. There are our parents.

Mum and Dad

Quite apart from inheriting their looks, something of their mannerisms, their character – it is from our parents, in our families,

that we first learn the basic lessons of life – they are the ones who have encouraged, have loved.

It is in this family relationship that we start getting close to an answer to that question, ‘Who do you say that I am?’

Jesus – who do you say that I am?

As Peter answers ‘You are the Christ, the Messiah.’

In Jesus, in his life, death and resurrection we come close to, we encounter God himself.

There are people we admire, there are people who inspires us – but there is something about this Jesus that compels me to declare – Jesu, Jesu, I thee adore. Help me love thee more and more.