

# Welcome to New Hope Church

A Christ-centered community for all peoples, moving toward Jesus and taking others with us.

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## I Am

MESSAGE SERIES APRIL 10–JUNE 12

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**PALM SUNDAY** APRIL 10  
9 & 10:30AM  
10:30AM-EN ESPAÑOL

**GOOD FRIDAY** APRIL 15  
6:30PM  
6:30PM-EN ESPAÑOL

**EASTER SUNDAY** APRIL 17  
9 & 10:30AM  
10:30AM-EN ESPAÑOL

### GIVE ONLINE

### NEED PRAYER?

### NEWS & GIVING REPORT

#### ***I Am* Message Series**

April 10–June 12. In this nine-week series we'll learn what the prophets of old and Jesus have to say about His person and purpose. Learn the heart, hope and healing He has for humanity as we explore the seven "I am" statements of Jesus. Watch at [newhopechurchmn.org/messages](http://newhopechurchmn.org/messages).

#### **Easter at New Hope Church**

Let's celebrate what Jesus has done for us this Easter at New Hope Church. All gatherings are in-person and livestream. Visit [newhopechurchmn.org/easter](http://newhopechurchmn.org/easter).

**Palm Sunday:** April 10, 9 & 10:30am | 10:30am, en español

**Good Friday:** April 15, 6:30pm | 6:30pm, en español

**Easter Sunday:** April 17, 9 & 10:30am | 10:30am, en español

#### **Connect on Social Media**

Facebook & Instagram—[newhopechurchmn](http://newhopechurchmn)

#### **Family Easter Jam**

Easter Jam is an unforgettable experience complete with fun, games and music. Come for dinner at 5:15pm (\$6/\$4 10 & under) and stay for the family fun starting at 6:30pm. Visit [newhopechurchmn.org/families](http://newhopechurchmn.org/families).

#### **Parent/Child Dedication Class**

Sunday, April 24, 10:30am, Sandberg Chapel. Required for parents to participate in dedication. Learn about dedication from a biblical perspective. Dedication Sunday: May 8. Register at [newhopechurchmn.org/families](http://newhopechurchmn.org/families).

#### **NHC App**

A great resource for everything NHC—give, join worship gatherings and learn about upcoming events. Download the app from the App Store or Google Play (New Hope Church MN).

Get the most current information at  
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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

April 10, 2022

### WHO IS JESUS? Matthew 16:13–17

#### CONNECT

1. Why does it matter that we know who Jesus is?

#### GOING DEEPER

2. Read Matthew 16:13–14. Jesus asks His disciples who the people in the world think He is. Think of our world today. Who would people today say that Jesus is?
3. In a sentence or two, how would you answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15)
4. Why is there so much tension, passion and debate over the matter of who Jesus is? What is at stake?
5. What difference does it make in your life that Jesus is who He says He is? How does this impact your life practically?
6. In Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis argues: "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." How do you answer Lewis' question—is Jesus a liar, a lunatic or the Lord? How can this question help explain Jesus to others?
7. Read Matthew 16:20–21. Why do you think Jesus commanded them to be silent for now?
8. If someone watched the way you lived your life for the past month, what might they conclude about who you think Jesus is?

#### ACTION

9. Imagine that someone you know comes up to you and asks, "Who is Jesus?" How would you answer? How would you demonstrate that Jesus truly is who you say He is? Role-play this conversation in your group.
10. Take time to pray through 1 Peter 3:15: "In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." Pray that the Lord will give you the chance this week to share your answer with someone who needs it.