



Biblical Authority —

“Jesus . . . Plus”

Use the following discussion questions in your Sunday school class, small group, or family devotions. Read the article “Jesus . . . Plus” on page 80 of *Answers* (Vol. 5 No. 2) before answering the questions.

1. Read Acts 4:12 and John 14:6. In light of these clear statements, if a person says he trusts Jesus but thinks he must add something else, is he relying on the true Jesus for his salvation or on an artificial god that merely resembles Jesus?

2. Read Colossians 1:15–18. If Christ, the Word, is “before all things” and “preeminent,” how reasonable is it to reinterpret what He has said just because other evidence seemingly contradicts His words? Why don’t we reinterpret the other way around? _____

3. Should the “evidence” from nature or other extrabiblical sources have any effect on your faith? That is, if you believe in Jesus Christ on the basis of evidence from outside the Bible, how will your faith be affected if it later appears that the evidence was misinterpreted? _____

4. What does it mean to “add to” or “subtract from” the Bible (see Revelation 22:18–19)? For example, is a preacher violating God’s command when he explains a text using words or phrases other than those written in the Bible? What is the proper role of commentaries or other expositional books? (See Nehemiah 8:7–8.) _____

5. Look at Acts 17:10–12. How does this passage shed light on the previous question? What does this passage imply about your responsibilities as a Christian? _____

6. Do you hold views or act in ways contrary to what you know the Bible says to believe or do? Have you thought through how well your views go together? Why is it so difficult to give up a belief, even if it is in opposition to another belief?

