

Case for Christ: Did Jesus really think He was God?
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From his book *Mere Christianity* page 52

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Nichole Nordeman - *What If*

From the album *Brave*

What if you're right?
And he was just another nice guy
What if you're right?
What if it's true?
They say the cross will only make a fool of you
And what if it's true?

What if he takes his palace in history
With all the prophets and the kings
Who taught us love and came in peace
But then the story ends
What then?

(Chorus)
But what if you're wrong?
What if there's more?
What if there's hope you never dreamed of hoping for?
What if you jump?
And just close your eyes?
What if the arms that catch you, catch you by surprise?
What if He's more than enough?
What if it's love?

What if you dig, What if you dig
Way down deeper than your simple-minded friends
What if you dig?
What if you find
A thousand more unanswered questions inside
That's all you find

What if you pick apart the logic
And begin to poke the holes
What if the crown of thorns is no more
Then folklore that must be told and retold

(Chorus)

You've been running as fast as you can
You've been looking for a place you can land so long
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I want to show you a couple of pictures that will help you understand what I was doing on my vacation the past week and so you know that I wasn't just a big bum. Okay so most of the time I may have been a bum but oh well. One of the reasons I went down to Alabama was to visit some of my family. *Show picture of Aunt Geneva, Claudia and Tony.* This is a picture of some of my relatives that I don't get to see a whole lot.

Another thing I was doing down there was taking in the beauty of the creation God created and relaxing. *Show picture of the lake and sun.* Here you can see why I enjoy going down there so much and visiting the home of my aunt that she has on the lake. It is just a picturesque scene each and every day. Most of the time, even though I didn't this time, I head to the dock and take a good book with me and just read while putting my feet in the water. This time I didn't get to do that, mainly because I feel asleep on the couch after lunch, but I also love to swim there. Definitely a scene I will go back for soon.

However, the main reason I went down was to be in my good friend, Bryan's, wedding. *Show picture of myself walking down with the maid of Honor.* This is the maid of honor, Here is a picture of all of us groomsmen right before the wedding. *Show one with the gun in it.* Yes I am holding a gun at my friend; it wasn't loaded, just in case he was starting to think about leaving at that point in time. I had the duct tape and one of his other friends that works for the Sheriff's office had the gun. Pretty good combo that is for sure. Then I have another picture to show you his better half and the fact that when I am all dressed up I think I look pretty good. *Show picture of Becky and I dancing*

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