

**Case for Christ: Was Jesus Crazy?**  
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Last week we asked the question: **Did Jesus think he was God?**

Here is the quote from C.S. Lewis that we will be looking at tonight.

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From his book *Mere Christianity* page 52

Tonight we will decided whether or not Jesus was **crazy**.

I believe, and the book, gives us four great ways to see if someone may be not all there mentally.

1. **Emotionally healthy**-Does someone show the proper emotions at the proper time?
2. **Paranoid**-Do they think someone is out to get them without any cause.
3. **Do they make logical sense**-Are they able to be understood in a logical way. Do they make sense.
4. **What do others think**- Those around can give insight to whether or not someone is all there.

We are going to look at these four areas in connection with Jesus. If Jesus is or is not one of these four things it would bring **doubt** to whether or not he is worth **following**.

**Was Jesus emotionally healthy?**

-John 11

-Matthew 21.12-13 and John 2.13.-17

-Matthew 9.36

**Was Jesus Paranoid without a reason?**

-Mark 8.31-33 and Mark 10.32-34

-Mark 11.18 and John 8.59

**Did/Does Jesus' teachings make logical sense?**

-Matthew 5-7

**Did others think he was crazy?**

-Mark 3.20-21

-John 10.19-21

Conclusion: **Jesus was very much sane!!!**

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-Historian Philip Schaff concerning Christ ( page 154 in *Case for Christ*)

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