

# The Fallout

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# Scripture Reading, Matthew 16: 13-16 2

## Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

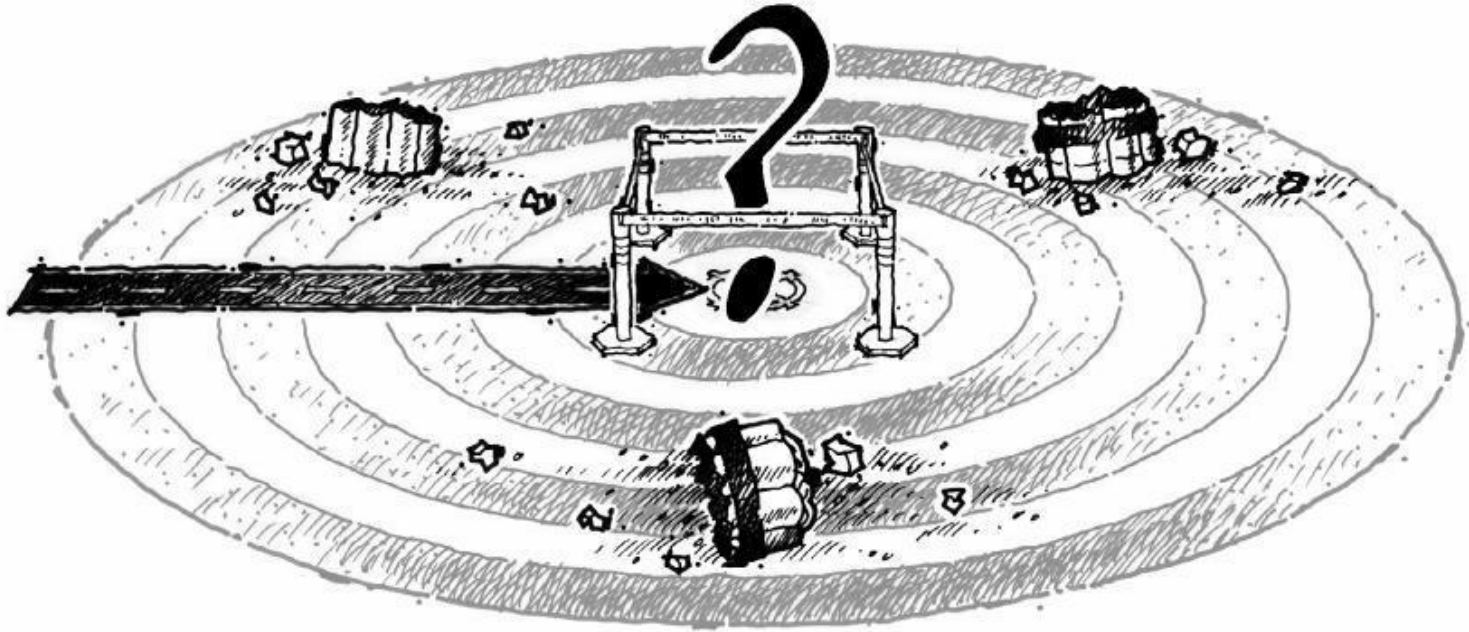
<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”



# Fuse and Fallout Concept

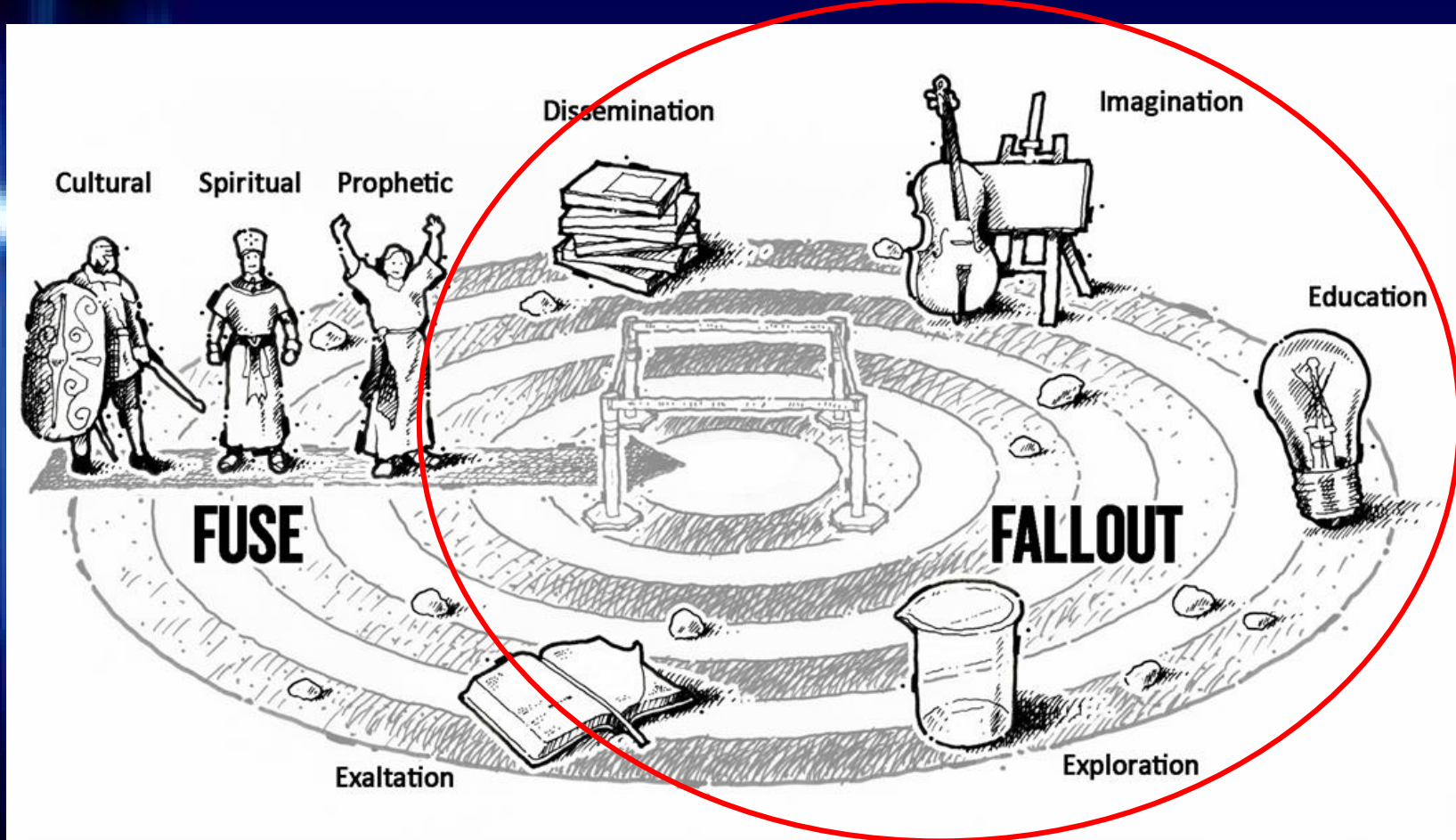
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The **FUSE** and the **FALLOUT** will identify the **FELON**




# The Fallout after the explosion of Jesus

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# Jesus dominates the bookshelves

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- ▶ People who wrote about Jesus
    - ▶ Christians who liked Jesus
    - ▶ Non-Christians who liked Jesus
    - ▶ Non-Christians who disliked Jesus
  - ▶ Library of Congress has 532 miles of bookshelves
    - ▶ Jesus is #1 with 17,000 books
  - ▶ Wider Google Search
    - ▶ Jesus is #1 with 109 MILLION books

# Art and Architecture

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- ▶ First 3 centuries, Christians contributed very little to Art
  - ▶ After 313 AD (Christianity legal), this changed
  - ▶ Glass mosaics (5<sup>th</sup> century) were a Christian innovation
  - ▶ 313 -1000, Churches mostly built as Basilicas
  - ▶ 1000-1150: Romanesque style - shape of a Latin Cross
  - ▶ Gothic Architecture followed well into the Renaissance
  - ▶ Leonardo de Vinci's (1452-1519) ***Last Supper***
  - ▶ Michelangelo's (1475-1564) ***The Creation of Adam, The Creation of Eve, The Last Judgment***
  - ▶ Rembrandt's (1606-69) ***The Prodigal Son, The Elevation of the Cross***

Remember these artists?

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# Sample of Artists that have sung about Jesus

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- ▶ Frank Sinatra
  - ▶ Willie Nelson
  - ▶ Ray Charles
  - ▶ Simon & Garfunkel
  - ▶ Elvis Presley
  - ▶ Johnny Cash
  - ▶ U2
  - ▶ Rolling Stones
  - ▶ Alice Cooper
  - ▶ Billy Joel
  - ▶ Elton John
  - ▶ Bruce Springsteen
  - ▶ Bruno Mars
  - ▶ Beyonce
  - ▶ Kelly Clarkson
  - ▶ The Eagles
  - ▶ Justin Timberlake
  - ▶ Taylor Swift



# Igniters of Education

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#1 Christ followers celebrated the life of the mind

#2 Christ followers collected and protected knowledge

2 Timothy 3:16: “All Scripture is God breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

#3 Christ followers were called to make disciples

#4 Christ followers embraced a “teaching” culture

#5 Christ followers embraced their responsibility to learn the truth

#6 Christ followers educated the world to share the gospel

# Top 15 University List - Example

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- ▶ Harvard University
- ▶ MIT
- ▶ Stanford University
- ▶ University of Cambridge
- ▶ University of Oxford
- ▶ Univ. of CA, Berkeley
- ▶ Univ. of Pennsylvania
- ▶ University of Chicago
- ▶ Yale University
- ▶ Univ. of Paris (Sorbonne)
- ▶ University of Michigan
- ▶ CA Institute of Technology
- ▶ University of Washington
- ▶ Columbia University
- ▶ Princeton University

**ALL founded by Christians, most for the purpose of teaching Christian principles**

# Igniters of Science

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#1 Christ followers believed matter was good and worthy of study

Romans 1:20 “Since the creation of the world, God’s invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

#2 Christ followers believed their world was the product of a singular, orderly, rational God.

#3 Christ followers believed God was distinct from his creation



# Igniters of Science

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#4 Christ followers were motivated by their desire to worship the God of the universe

#5 Christ followers believed they could better understand God by observing his activity in the “Book of Nature”

#6 Christ followers pursued physical & intellectual investigations of their environment

#7 Christ followers created a place to advance the sciences



# Jesus, the One and Only?


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- ▶ Hinduism: Modern Hindus acknowledge Jesus and have merged him into their worldview.
  - ▶ Jesus is considered an Acharya – one who teaches by example
  - ▶ Jesus is considered divine by many Hindus
  - ▶ Jesus is considered a Wise Teacher and Model of Morality – Mahatma Gandhi greatly admired him
  - ▶ Many details of Jesus' life are Acknowledged

**Jesus matters to over 1.16 Billion Hindus in the World**

# Jesus, the One and Only?

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- ▶ Buddhism: No singular unified view but most acknowledge Jesus and have merged him into their worldview.
    - ▶ Jesus is an Enlightened Man
    - ▶ Jesus is a Bodhisattva – someone on a journey towards Buddhahood
    - ▶ Jesus is a Wise Teacher - Dalai Lama considered teaching to be in accord with Buddhist values
    - ▶ Jesus lives as described in New Testament

**Jesus matters to over 506 Million Buddhists in the World**

# Jesus, the One and Only?

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- ▶ Islam: Recognize Jesus in their religious system
  - ▶ Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary
  - ▶ Jesus was sinless
  - ▶ Jesus was a Wise Teacher
  - ▶ Jesus was a Miracle worker
  - ▶ Jesus ascended into heaven
  - ▶ Jesus is a prophet
  - ▶ Jesus is to be revered
  - ▶ Jesus is considered the Messiah and Messenger of God
  - ▶ Jesus will sit beside God during the final judgment
  - ▶ Jesus will come again

**Jesus matters to over 1.9 Billion Muslims in the World**

# WHAT, WHERE, WHY, HOW, WHEN - WHO is it?

<b>WHAT</b>	Crush Evil, Make known the path of life, conquers death, brings news of salvation, brings a new covenant, righteousness
<b>WHERE</b>	Born in Bethlehem, comes to Jerusalem
<b>WHY</b>	To reconcile us, redeems us and reconciles our sins, God will forgive our Sins
<b>HOW</b>	His expense, dies for our sins, executed no bone broken, performs miracles & heals, despised, considered a criminal but remains silent, he's pierced and buried in a rich man's tomb
<b>WHEN</b>	Preceded by a messenger (like Elijah), after a decree but before the temple is destroyed
<b>WHO</b>	Descendant of David, "God's Son", "Son of Man", Source of Peace, Throne established forever



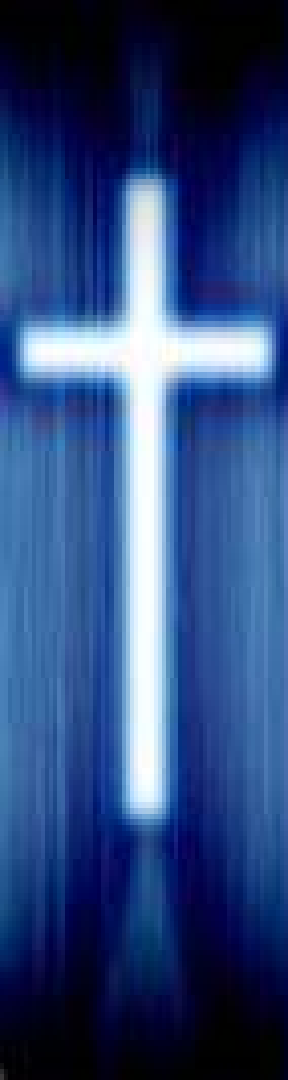
# Jesus, the ONE and ONLY!

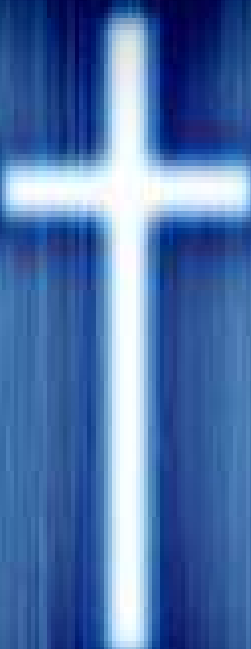
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John 10:30 – “I and the Father are one.”

John 8:58 - “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”

Jesus doesn't matter because he influenced the world;  
**Jesus influenced the world because he matters!!!**





He said to them...

**But who  
do you  
say that  
I am?**

Matthew 16-15





# Questions?

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