

## Jesus on CNN

In recent years, people have posed a series of “What would Jesus...?” questions as a vehicle for applying Christian principles to the modern social issues and choices we face.

“What would Jesus do?” led to the acronym logo “WWJD?” as well as other variations, such as “What would Jesus drive?” and “Who would Jesus vote for?”

Here is another question in a similar vein:  
“How would we caption Jesus on CNN?”

When a news show switches to shots of interviewees, a producer places a caption in the banner across the bottom of the TV screen, identifying that person’s role as he or she relates to the story. Beneath their names, we see tags such as “Author”, “Defense Dept. Spokesperson”, “Media Consultant”, etc.

If Jesus were available for an on-camera interview to provide his comments on a given news story or issue of the day—how would CNN categorize him?

- **Social Worker?**  
“...he went about doing good...” Acts 10:38
- **Economic Critic?**  
“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God” Mark 10:25
- **Demonstrator?**  
“Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple...” John 2:15
- **Health Care Advocate?**  
“And he cured many who were sick with various diseases...” Luke 7:20
- **Religious Establishment Critic?**  
“You snakes, you brood of vipers!” Matthew 23:33
- **Anti-Poverty Advocate?**  
“But when you give a banquet, invite the poor...” Luke 14:13

Placing Jesus in the present day, and imagining how he might be captioned on a TV screen can help us reflect on how our personal involvement in the world might be categorized.