



## Sponsor a billboard for \$584.

Yes, I will sponsor a 28-day billboard that reaches 8,000 to 20,000 people each day with a message inviting them to take another look at the real Jesus!

- My check for \$584 is attached, or  
 My check for \$584 will be delivered no later than August 31.

- **Please do not reduce your regular giving to sponsor a billboard** — or our existing ministries will be at risk. The billboard campaign is for gifts above our regular giving.
- Make sure the memo line of your check is clearly marked “billboard.”
- Groups of people are welcome to sponsor a billboard together. In that case, just bundle your checks and make sure they are marked “billboard.”
- When your billboard goes up, we will send you the exact location, so you can drive by and lift prayers for those who see it! The campaign will begin in mid-September.

## Other ways to participate

I will put yard signs along roadways and at key intersections near my home.  
*How many?*  10  20  30 Other:

I will put a magnetic *Who Stole Jesus?* bumper sticker on my vehicle. *I want:*  1  2 Other:

I anticipate purchasing a *Who Stole Jesus?* t-shirt for \$15. *How many and what size?*

Adult sizes  S  M  L  XL  
 2XL  3XL  4XL

Youth sizes  XSmall  Small  Large

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this form in the offering  
or in the basket at the info kiosk.*

**Together we will share a powerful message of hope about the real Jesus!**

# Who stole Jesus?

*This text will appear at [www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/whostolejesus](http://www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/whostolejesus).*

There is a huge gap between how Jesus is described in the Bible and how he's often presented in many churches.

It's almost as if the real Jesus (generous and loving) has been kidnapped, and a false Jesus (mean and judgmental) has been trotted out in his place.

## Consider the evidence:

- **The real Jesus taught that his followers should take a flexible approach, doing what love requires in any situation** (Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 3:1-6). Many churches today teach that rules are more important than love.
- **The real Jesus defended sinners from attack** (John 8:1-11). Many churches today lead the charge against them.
- **The real Jesus empowered women spiritually** (Luke 8:1-4; John 20:11-18). Many churches today teach that only men are worthy of spiritual leadership.
- **The real Jesus encouraged simple living** (Luke 12:13-34). Many churches today celebrate flashy materialism.
- **The real Jesus celebrated diversity in God's creation, including gay and transgender people** (Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 19:1-12). Many churches today call diversity an abomination. (To read more, click here. *Link to The Children Are Free.*)
- **The real Jesus boldly crossed racial and ethnic boundaries** (John 4:1-30; Luke 10:25-37). Many churches today are segregated by race and ethnicity.
- **The real Jesus drank wine; creating wine was his first miracle** (John 2:1-11). Many churches today prohibit drinking altogether.
- **The real Jesus celebrated life and loved having a good time** (Matthew 11:16-19). Many churches today give the impression that fun is dangerous.

The list could go on and on, but you get the idea. **There's a huge gap between the real Jesus and the Jesus often presented by institutional Christianity.**

At LifeJourney Church, we're under no illusion that we've got it all figured out. But we are genuinely concerned and want to spark an honest dialogue.

## Here are some options for action:

- **Share your thoughts online at: [www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/whostolejesus](http://www.LifeJourneyChurch.cc/whostolejesus).** Invite others into the dialogue by sharing that link on Facebook or via email.
- **Spark a dialogue in your church** by asking questions about the gap described above.
- **Learn more about the real Jesus.** Every Sunday this fall, sermons at LifeJourney Church will contrast the Jesus of the Bible with the fake Jesus often presented by institutional Christianity. Join us in our search for the authentic Jesus. [*Worship times and map, and webcast link.*]
- **Keep the billboards coming!** Each billboard costs \$584. If you would like to sponsor a billboard, go to [*billboard donate link*].

**Together we can reclaim Jesus for ordinary people!**