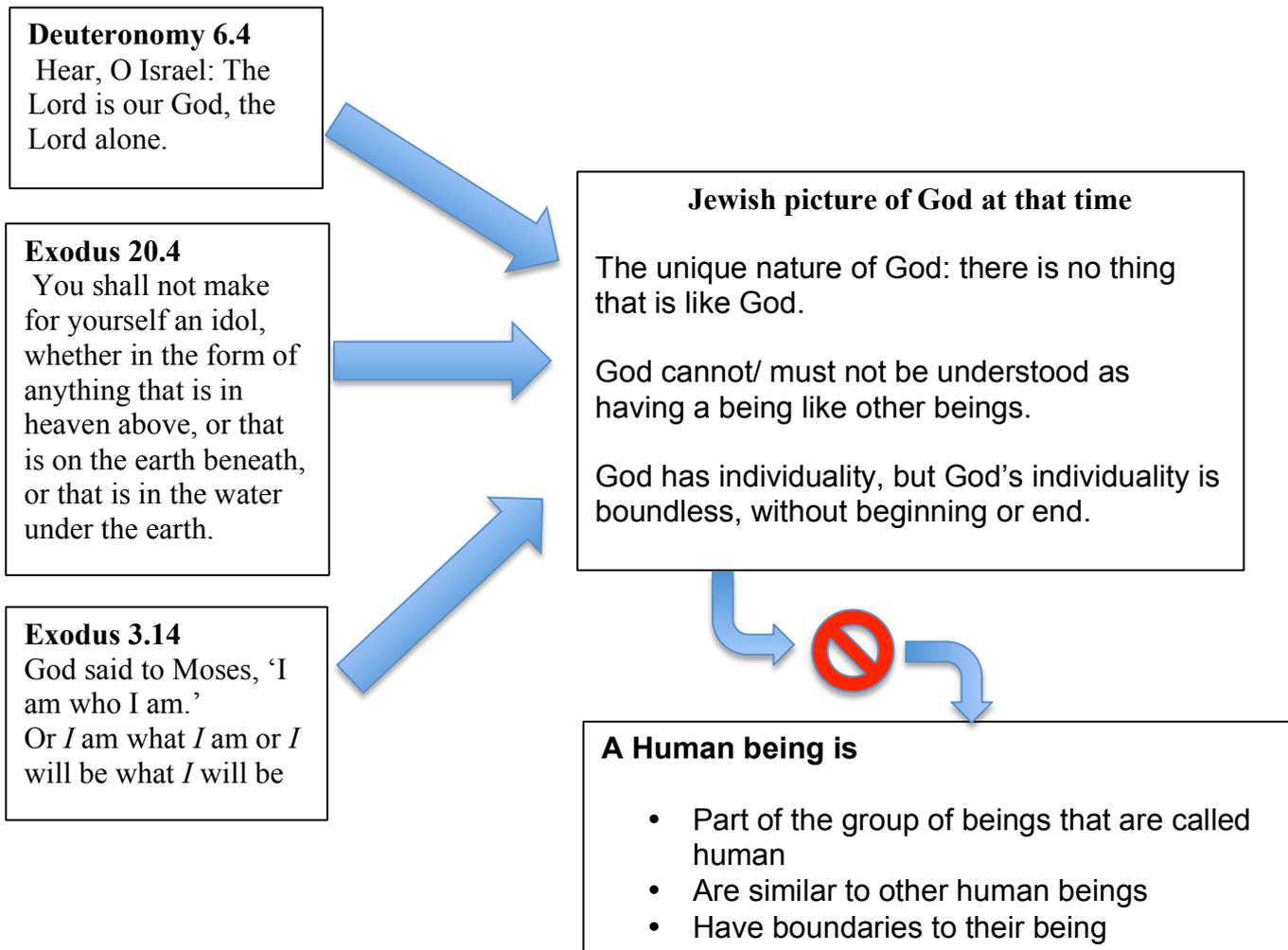


## Why didn't everyone understand that Jesus was divine?

### Matthew 16.13-16

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'



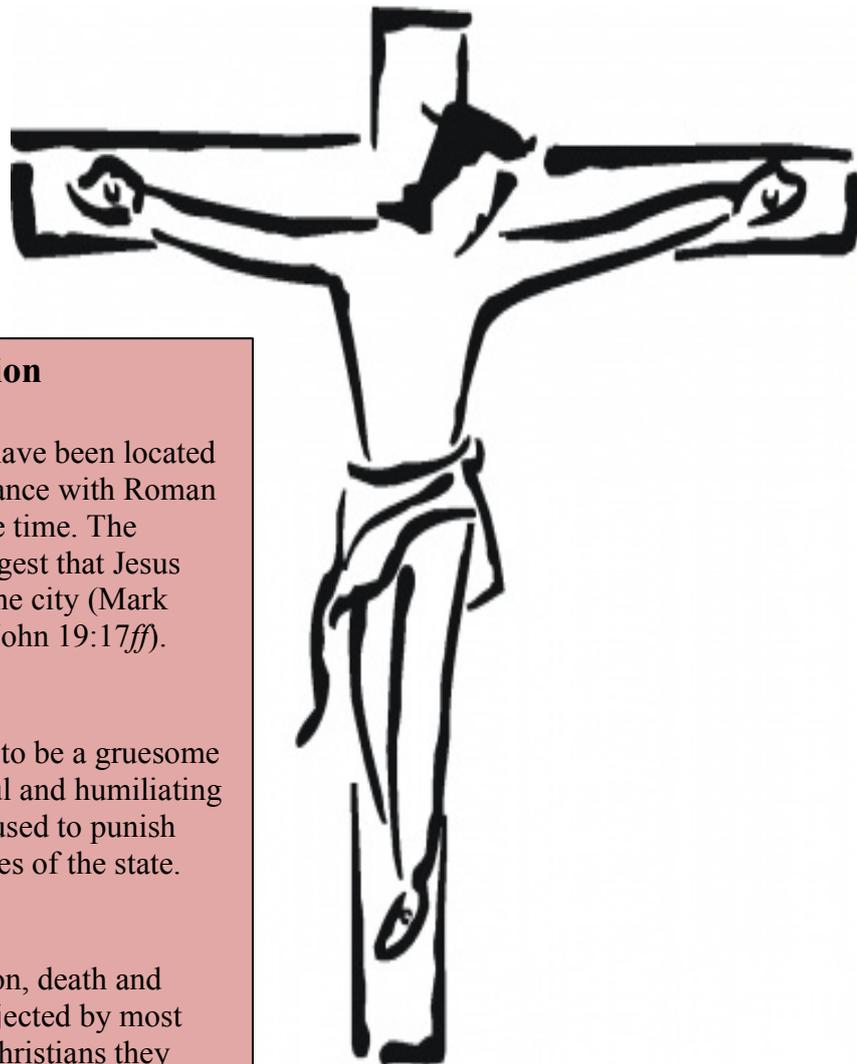
<b>Messiah</b>	<b>1 Chronicles 16.22</b> saying, 'Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm.'	<b>Anointed, Messiah (Strong's 4889)</b> anointed; usually a consecrated person (as a king, priest, or saint); specifically, the Messiah -- anointed, Messiah.
<b>Healer</b>	<b>1 Kings 17:21-22:</b> Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, 'O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again.' The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.	
<b>Mystic</b>	<b>Jeremiah 1.9</b> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth.'	

**John 1.43-46**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

**John 1.1-5**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**Crucifixion****Geography**

Golgotha would have to have been located outside the city in accordance with Roman and Jewish customs of the time. The Gospels, too, seem to suggest that Jesus was crucified outside of the city (Mark 15:20; Matthew 27:31ff; John 19:17ff).

**Sociology**

Crucifixion was intended to be a gruesome spectacle: the most painful and humiliating death imaginable. It was used to punish slaves, pirates, and enemies of the state.

**Theology (Islam)**

The issue of the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus is rejected by most Muslims, but similar to Christians they believe that Jesus ascended to heaven and will return before the end of time. Most Muslims believe Jesus was not crucified, but was raised bodily to heaven by God.