

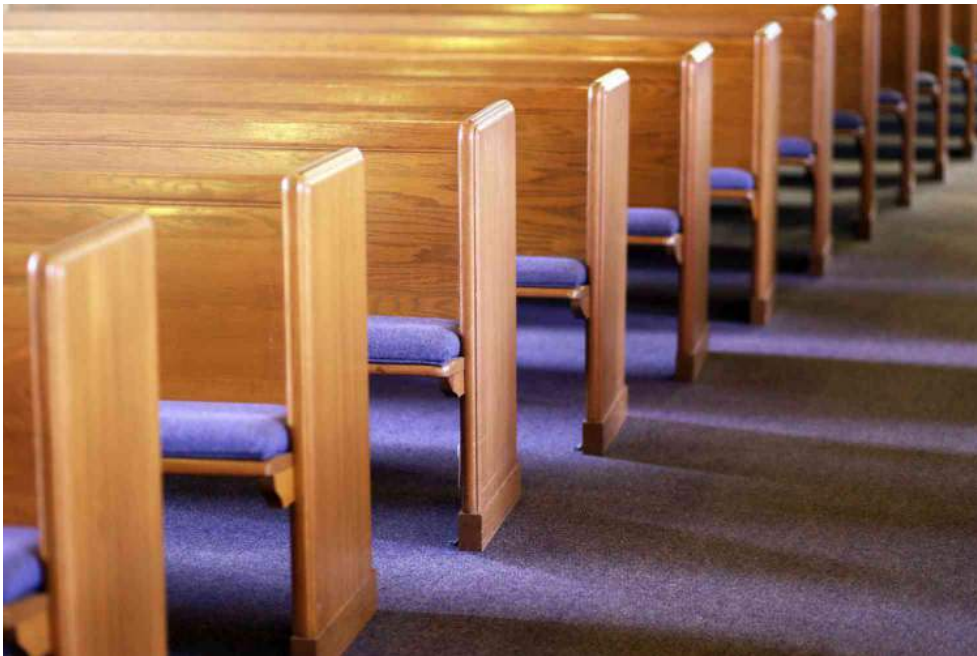
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One-third of evangelicals believe Jesus was a “good teacher,” but “not God”



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A new survey conducted by LifeWay Research and [released by Ligonier Ministries](#) revealed that 52% of Americans and 30% of evangelicals say they believe that Jesus was a "good teacher, but he was not God."

Two-thirds of evangelicals disagreed with the statement, which came as part of Ligonier's biennial State of Theology study.

"Statistics like these from the State of Theology survey can give us quite a shock, but they also shed light on the concerns that many American Christians and churches have expressed for decades," said Stephen Nichols, the chief academic officer of Ligonier Ministries. "As the culture around us increasingly abandons its moral compass, professing evangelicals are sadly drifting away from God's absolute standard in Scripture. It's clear that the church does not have the luxury of idly standing by. This is a time for Christians to study Scripture diligently, engage confidently with people in our culture, and witness fearlessly to the identity and saving work of Jesus Christ in the gospel."

In another part of the survey, 65% of evangelicals agreed with the statement "Jesus is the first and greatest being created by God."

The full results from the State of Theology survey will be released on September 8.

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