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Who can be compared with the LORD our God, who is enthroned on high?
Psalm 113:5 (New Living Translation)

Thought for today...

Adapting to life in today's very different world has been a major adjustment for the majority of people. Shopping, once a pleasurable pastime for some (even for groceries), has now become an arduous, tedious but necessary task. What with the need to don a face covering, the possibility of encountering queues, and the requirement to remain at a social distance, many people are choosing to shop from the relative comfort of their homes.

Those who are familiar with online grocery shopping will know that there is scope to receive a substitute in lieu of an item, and will be advised: 'If you've chosen to allow substitutions, we will offer you a suitable alternative.'



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Some people have been more than a little bemused or disappointed with the unsuitable substitutions that they have received - a sunflower as a substitute for sunflower oil, and in another instance, a bunch of red roses as a substitute for a box of Cadbury Roses chocolate!

Many people are searching for something, or someone to fill the void in their lives that only Jesus can fill.



They are trying to find a suitable alternative - a substitution, but just as the sunflower is not a suitable substitution for sunflower oil, Jesus is the 'real deal' and cannot be substituted by anything or anyone!

Numerous verses of scripture remind us of this very fact.

Jeremiah 10:6 tells us: **No one is like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power.** (New International Version)

The Book of Psalms, declares: **Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; nor are there any works like Your works.** Psalm 86:8 (NKJV)

For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings? Psalm 89:6 (NIV)



And in Isaiah: **"Remember what happened long ago; acknowledge that I alone am God and that there is no one else like me."** Isaiah 46:9 (Good News Translation)

To all those who are searching for a suitable alternative or substitute for Jesus Christ, Deuteronomy 4:39 sums it up nicely: **So remember this and keep it firmly in mind: The LORD is God both in heaven and on earth, and there is no other.** (NLT)