

**WHO
DO YOU SAY
I AM?**

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- When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. (Matthew 16:13-17)

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- Now I want to pray what Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:17-19a.

I keep asking that the God of our Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.”

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

- Today we are going to spend a little time seeing what the Word of God says about Jesus.
- I believe everyone needs to answer the question,
 “Who do You say I am?”
- And as Christians we need to be able to share our belief with others.

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- First, one of the great proofs about Jesus are the fulfilled prophecies.
- No other book can hold forth fulfilled prophecies.
- Only the Bible can!!!
- The reason God is able to tell the future is that He is ABOVE time....
- He is ETERNAL:
past, present, future!!

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- In 1 John 1:2 it says, “The life appeared, we have seen it and testify to it and we proclaim to you the ETERNAL LIFE, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.”
- Again in 1 John 5:20 it says, “He is the true God and eternal life.”

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- Eternal life is not a time period or heaven. Heaven is a created place and Christ is uncreated. His life is uncreated.
- Eternal life is the life of Christ.
- Because Jesus created the sun, which is our method of time, He is above time.
- His life extends eternally into the past and into the future.
- That is why He was able to reveal prophecies to the prophets that were fulfilled hundreds of years later and will be fulfilled in the future.

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- God exists in an eternal framework that sees the past, present and future.
- It was not an accident for the Eternal One to predict his birth, life, suffering, death, resurrection, ascension and His soon to be fulfilled prophecy of His second coming.
- The reason is He is Eternal Life & above time.
- “From everlasting (past) to everlasting (future) you are God.”

“Who do you say I am?”

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

- Let us now look at the works of Jesus. His works show His deity.
- Colossians 1:17 says, “For by him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.”
- Jesus is the Creator of everything; everything but sin for He is Holy.

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- While evolutionists tell wonderful theories of how we got here, Jesus proclaims in Mark 10:6, “But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female.”
- Remember Jesus is Eternal Life. He was there. Bad science (for good science glorifies God) has a theory without a witness.
- The Eternal One was there to do it.

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- Jesus' works are throughout the OT but as I'm limited to time I will share a few thoughts from the NT.
- He cured lepers, a Centurion's servant, Peter's mother-in-law, a woman subject to bleeding, the blind, the lame, etc.
- He raised a dead girl, Lazarus, and Himself from the dead.
- He rebuked the winds and the waves and showed His power over nature.
- He turned fish and loaves into enough for 5,000 & again for 4,000.

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- He declared Himself “Lord of the Sabbath” making Himself greater than the Law of Moses.
- He drove out demons on numerous occasions.
- He walked on the water. Oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. It is not surprising that the Anointed One walked on water for oil always rises to the top of water and He was “filled with the Holy Spirit.”

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- There are but a few of the “works” of Jesus.
- John rightly puts it, “Jesus did many other things as well. If everyone of them were written down I suppose even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.” (John 21:25)

“Who do you say I am?”

People's Reactions to Jesus

- Now, let's look at the reactions of people to Jesus:
- In Matt.2:11, the Wise Men “bowed down and worshipped him.”
- In Matt.7:28, “the crowds were amazed at His teachings.”
- In Matt.8:27, after he quieted the storm it said, “The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

People's Reactions to Jesus

- In Matt.9:31, “But they went and spread the news about him all over that region.”
- In Matt.9:33, “The crowd was amazed and said, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”
- In Matt.12:14, after he restored the man's hand. “But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.”

People's Reactions to Jesus

- **In Matt.13:2**, “Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.”
- **In Matt.13:54**, “Coming to His hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogues, and they were amazed.”

People's Reactions to Jesus

- **In Matt.14:33 after He walked on the water.**
“Then those who were in the boat worshipped him saying, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”
- **In Matt.15:31** “The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.”

People's Reactions to Jesus

- These are but a few of the people's reactions to Jesus.
- Throughout we see the word "amazed and amazing". He truly is "Amazing Grace" in Essence for He is the essence of grace and "grace" manifests naturally from Him.
- The flower does not have to try to smell like a flower; it just does.

"Who do you say I am?"

More Proof that Jesus is God

- Now let us look at some proof texts of Christ's deity. He was in essence "God in the flesh".
(John 1:14)
- The next few scripture references are from Torrey's New Topical Textbook, giving many proof texts that Christ is God.

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- **John 1:1**, “the Word was God.”
- **John 1:3**, “Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.”
- **John 1:4**, “In Him was life”

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- John 1:9, He is called “The true light”
- John 1:10, “the world was made through him.”
- John 1:12, “He gave the right to become children of God.”

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- **John 1:14**, “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory” (John, James, Peter saw it at the Transfiguration).
- **John 1:17**, “grace and truth came through Jesus Christ,”
- **John 1:18**, “No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.”

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- **John 1:29**, “Look the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.” (**only God can remove sin**)
- **John 1:32**, “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.” **Jesus had no need to repent and yet because He was Holy, the Spirit could remain on Him.**
- **John 1:34**, “I have seen and testify that this is the Son of God.”

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- The “Son of God” was all inclusive God and not a created being..
- When the soldiers tried to separate His garment they found it was “seamless woven in one piece from top to bottom”. There was no separating point in the garment.
- That is a beautiful picture of the fact that He was 100% God and 100% man.
- It is also a picture of Jesus’ garment being woven from top to bottom. God came down from heaven to earth – top to bottom!!

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- **John 2:11**, “This is the first of His miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed His glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.”
The proper definition of “Glory” is the manifestation of God’s presence.
- **John 2:19**, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.” He was talking of the temple being His body.

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- **John 5:17-18**, “Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at work to this very day, and I, too, am working.” For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.”
- **John 5:23**, “That all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father.”

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- **John 6:14**, “Surely this is the prophet that was to come into the world.”

(see Deut.18:15,18)

- **John 6:35**,
“I am the bread of life”

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- **John 8:24**, “I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins.”
- **John 8:58-59**, “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born “I am”. At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple area.”

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- **John 9:38**, “Then the man said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped Him.” Here we see Jesus accept worship from man.
- **John 10:7**, “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.”
- **John 10:10**, “I am the good shepherd.”

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- **John 10:27-30**, “My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish, no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father who has given them to me is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hands. I and the Father are one.” **(continued)**

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- **John 10:31-33**, “Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which one of these do you stone me?” We are not stoning you for any of these,” replied the Jews. “But for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.”

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- **John 11:25**, “I am the resurrection and the life.”
- **John 11:41**, “Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him.”
- **John 11:45, Jesus speaking said**, “When he (man) looks at me he sees the One who sent me.”

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- **John 14:6**, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
- **John 14:9**, “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.”

More Proof that Jesus is God

- **John 19:7**, “The Jews insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because He claimed to be the Son of God.”

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- **Mark 14:61-62**, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?” “I am,” said Jesus, “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

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- **John 20:28**, “Thomas said to Him, “My Lord and my God”.
- **Romans 4:17** says, “the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.”
- **Romans 9:5** calls Him, “God over all.”

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- **Phil.2:6, shows that Jesus** “being in the very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped.”
- **1 Tim.1:17, Paul calls Him the** “King eternal, immortal, invisible. The only God”.
- **1 Tim.3:16, shows that the mystery of godliness is that He appeared in a body.**

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- **Titus 2:13** says, “while we wait for the blessed hope – the Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ”.
- **Hebrews 1:8** says, “But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever.”

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- **2 Peter 1:2** calls Him, “our God and Savior Jesus Christ.”
- **2 Peter 1:16b-17** says that Peter and the disciples were, “eyewitnesses of His majesty”.
“For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love, with Him I am well pleased.”

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- **Jude 1:4** says, “Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord”
- **Then in the next verse it says**, “Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered His people out of Egypt but later destroyed those who did not believe.”
- **Who is “Lord” in these verses?**

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

- I began this teaching with the question, “Who do you say I am?”
- After Peter responded, Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven”.
- Here we see grace so that no man may boast. It is grace from the beginning to end.

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“I keep asking that the God of our Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.” (Eph.1:17-19a)

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- Many people will ask you “what” you believe. It is really the wrong question. Jesus is not a “what” He is a “whom”.
- In 2 Tim.1:12, Paul says, “because I know whom I have believed.”
- “Who do you say I am?”

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- **Let's Pray:**

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