



Beliefs - Who is Jesus? (Part 1)

At Gods Purpose Ministries, our beliefs are pretty simple. But instead of just listing them for you, we decided to let you discover them for yourselves as you enjoy some short, very inspiring, and informative messages about the Nature of God, the Trinity, the love of Jesus, man, sin, salvation, prayer, and God's greatest purpose for your life. Listen, read, and enjoy.

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Three very important questions are answered in the following accounts, which will lead us to the answer to the question, "Who is Jesus?"

Before we begin, some might say that the question should be, "Who WAS Jesus?" But once we discover the Truth and realize the answer to the question, we then will know that we have asked the right question. Please bear with me for a minute and you will see.



The Crucifixion Experience

MATTHEW 16:13-17 & 20 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do PEOPLE say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but 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 Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven... Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ. (This story is also recorded in MARK 8:27-30)

Question 1 - Who do (most) people say that Jesus is? There are so many answers to this question. Most cults and false religions say that He was a high ranking Angel, a Prophet, Michael the Arc Angel, a lesser god, a good Teacher, an ascended Master, or they don't mention Him at all. I would venture to say that most average people would say that He is (or was) a good man, a religious leader, a good example, a historical figure, or a nice story that someone made up.

Question 2 - Who do you (His people) say that He is? Hopefully anyone who considers themselves a true child of God, trusts the whole Bible, God's Holy Word as the final authority on Truth. If so, we know that Peter's answer is correct, and that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Sent One, the Son of the Living God, the Chosen and Anointed One; **and that He is God.**

But the most important question is the last one.

Question 3 - Who does Jesus say that He is? By commending Peter for his answer, and charging them to tell no one that He is the Christ, He gives us His answer.

There is an old saying from John Maxwell that says, "Everything rises and falls on leadership." This is a true saying. But in the Kingdom of God, "Everything rises and falls on Jesus." Christianity stands or falls on Jesus Christ alone.

When it comes right down to it, the answers to questions 1 & 2 have no real bearing on truth. They are simply man's opinion. Whether right or wrong, whether good or bad, they are still just opinion. We can all be sincere, but we can all be sincerely wrong. My opinion does not matter either. I've heard it said that "opinions are like arm pits, we all have them, and they all stink."

The only answer to this question that matters is Jesus' answer. So who does Jesus say He is?

Read John 8:54-59

God bless you, Pastor George Williams

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Cited Scriptures

- **Matthew 16:13-17** When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
And they said, Some [say that thou art] John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed [it] unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

- **Matthew 16:20** Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

- **Mark 8:27-30** And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?
And they answered, John the Baptist: but some [say], Elias; and others, One of the prophets.
And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.
And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

- **John 8:54-59** Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:
Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.
Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw [it], and was glad.
Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?
Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I am**.
Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.