

Who Am I?

(Jesus died not because of what he did; but for whom He said He was.)

Matthew 16:15

He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?**

Who is Jesus to you? Your eternity rests on how you answer Jesus's question. It is a question that will be answered by every living soul that passes upon this life. It is a question that no one can leave unanswered; for not only will you live your life according to how you answer it; but also your eternity will be determined on how you answer Jesus.

Dear friends Jesus leaves no confusion as to who He is; neither Buddha nor Mohammed claimed to be God; but Jesus did. "Jesus Christ is the only religious leader who has ever claimed to be deity and the only individual who has convinced a great portion of the world that He is God." (Schultz,DPC,209)

Mark 14:61-64 61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? 62 And Jesus said, **I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.** 63 Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? 64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.

Jesus died because of who He said He was 'the Christ, the Son of the Blessed' Jesus left no ambiguity as to who He was and is. The trial of Jesus was unique in that it was not His actions but His identity that was the issue. Who is Jesus to you?

When Jesus stated "**I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven**" (Mark 14:62) the high priest rent his clothes for he was familiar with the Old Testament and what Jesus was claiming from the Book of Daniel and Psalms.

Daniel 7:13-14 13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

Psalms 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Beloved do you rend your heart as the high priest rent his garments? Do you deny Jesus as sovereign LORD and reject His salvation? Who is Jesus to you, God or a liar? Jesus leaves no room for compromise in the answer to that question.

1 Kings 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

The people were torn by Elijah's question. They still feared Jehovah but they also feared the king and queen. Do you fear the LORD God or do you fear the world and hold on to it?

I Am What I Am

"On the lips of anyone else the claims of Jesus would appear to be evidence of gross egomania, for Jesus clearly implies that the entire world revolves around himself and that the fate of all men is dependent on their acceptance of rejection of him" (Stein MMJT,118.)

The LORD Jesus doesn't allow for us to pick and choose what we want Him to be; we are not left with a choice of "he was a good person", "he was a great prophet", he was a great philosopher, he was a Jewish teacher. No Jesus doesn't leave us the convenience of allowing us to decide what we want Him to be. He claimed to be God.

Luke 22:70 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, **Ye say that I am.**

John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am**

John 10:30 **I and my Father are one.**

The high priests knew exactly what Jesus was claiming when he said "I am" (John 8:58)

Exodus 3:13-14 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

John 14:8-10 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, **Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father? 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.**

Jesus claims to be God for He is God and His claim allows for no other identification. Jesus has in His own words left no room for any other identity. He has stated a claim that either must be believed or disbelieved. Jesus has left no other choice but to either accept His claim as God to be the truth or a lie. We must choose between accepting Jesus as God or the greatest liar that has ever lived.

Jesus Died for Who He Is.

John 5:14-18 14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, **Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.** 15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. 16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. 17 But Jesus answered them, **My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.** 18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

John 10:30-31 30 **I and my Father are one.** 31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, **Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?** 33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Matthew 27:40-43 40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. 41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking *him*, with the scribes and elders, said, 42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. 43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

Jesus was killed not for what He did, but for who He said He was. Who is Jesus to you my friend? Is he just a historical figure, a myth, a great teacher and philosopher? That is not who Jesus claimed to be; for He said He was God. The LORD has put before us a decision; to believe He has spoken the truth or to believe He is a liar. What you believe about Jesus will determine your eternity. Jesus claim to be God hung Him upon the cross and your denial that He is God and rejection of His salvation will send you to Hell.

Do You Call Me LORD?

Luke 6:46 **And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**

Sadly the name Christian has lost its true meaning. It once meant a follower of Christ; but today that no longer holds true. Today there are those that claim Christianity yet do not the things that the LORD says. Churches have accepted

the world and its ways. There are those that claim to be Christian yet deny the LORD Jesus Christ and deny His words as truth; replacing them with the traditions of man.

Mark 7:7-8 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men. **8** For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men,

The counterfeit Christianity has accepted those things that are anathema to the Word of God. They deny the deity ship of Jesus and deny the authority of His Word. They have accepted homosexuality and same sex marriage. They have created their own doctrines void of judgment and accepting the ways of the world as their own. The unsaved don't know any better and the call of the Church and God's people is to reach them and tell them the truth; sadly far too many Christians have lost sight of who Jesus claimed to be and who He actually is, for if they truly believed He is God they would not so easily ignore His commandments. Sadly I believe that the high priest and pharisees understood who Jesus claimed to be more than many Christian today understand. Who is Jesus to You? Beloved I leave you again with the question Jesus asked...

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JESUS SAVES-To God be the Glory

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