

Preaching Text: Matthew 16:13-15 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?

Introduction: Who is Jesus to you----a preacher, a good man, the Christ of Christmas, a charlatan, one sent from God, just one of the prophets, the Creator, the Saviour? Just who is this Jesus?

WHETHER WE BELIEVE IT OR NOT

1. Jesus Is The Creator Of All Things

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

2. Jesus Is the Author Of Life

Acts 17:28 For in him (Jesus) we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

3. Jesus Is The Saviour Of The World

Matthew 1:21 And she (the virgin Mary) shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

4. Jesus Is The Final Judge Of All

2-Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Jesus Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad (and in the final judgment of Jesus, it will be heaven or hell for us).

But Jesus is much more and we will look at 4 other things that Jesus is in this message. WHO IS JESUS?

1. Jesus Is The Great Proper Prophet To Be Heard!

Matthew 21:10-11 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

Matthew 17:5 (When Jesus was transfigured upon a mountain with Peter, James, and John, ---Moses & Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus. Peter must have said Lord, this is really great! Let us build 3 tabernacles here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah). While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold there was a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Luke 17:18-19 (After the resurrection of Jesus from the dead after His crucifixion, He was walking on the road of Emmaus where He would go and appear for the first time to His disciples, and He encountered 2 walking on the road that were sad. He asked them why they were so sad. One, who was Cleopas, said have you not heard what has been going on?) And Jesus said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. (And from Moses unto that time Jesus expounded the scriptures unto them concerning Himself and their eyes were opened in that they realized that He was the Christ. He vanished from their sight and they said did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us and opened the Scriptures to us by the way.

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I (Jesus) speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 8:51 Verily, verily, I (Jesus) say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see (spiritual) death (which is separation from God) .

Proverbs 13:13 Whoso despises the word shall be destroyed: but he that fears (or has reverence by obeying) the commandment(s) shall be rewarded.

2. Jesus Is The Great Pastoral Priest To Be Sought!

Hebrews 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a Great (Pastoral) High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

1-Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator (an Great Pastoral Priest) between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

John 10:11 (Jesus said) I am the good Shepherd (and Great Pastoral High Priest): the good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my Shepherd (and Great Pastoral High Priest), and I shall not want.

Psalms 34:4-6 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him (because He is the good Shepherd and the Great Pastoral High Priest), and the Lord saved him out of all his troubles.

Isaiah 55:6 Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near:

3. Jesus Is The Great Passionate King To Be Served!

Psalms 24:7-10 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Psalms 100:2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shall thou serve.

John 12:26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor.

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

John 14:24 (Jesus said) He that loves Me not keepeth not My sayings (and therefore serves Me not): and the Word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, (serve) Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

Revelation 1:6 And(the Lord) hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father (to serve); to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

4. Jesus Is The Great Precious Lord To Be Worshipped!

Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him (the devil), Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shall thou serve.

1. Worship That Complies With God (obey God in worship that complies with the demand)

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship him in spirit (liveliness) and in truth.

2. Worship That Magnifies God (try make God look as big as He is)

Psalms 34:3 O magnify the Lord with me, let us exalt His name together.

3. Worship That Glorifies God (give deep honor, reverence, and respect)

Psalms 22:23 Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob (the redeemed believers of the Lord), glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

4. Worship That Beautifies God (make God look good)

2-Samuel 7:23 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name (that would make Him look good), and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemed to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?

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The Great Passionate King, and

The Great Precious Lord, **BUT IS HE THAT TO YOU? IF NOT, IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE!**

Live To Make God Look Good!@