

# Who Is Jesus of Nazareth?

**H**ow you answer this question, and the kind of heart the answer comes from, points to your eternal destiny. When Jesus asked His disciples what the men of their day thought, some said He was Elijah, or John Baptist, or one of the other prophets. But when Jesus Christ Himself answers and tells us who He is, He says things like:

“I Am the Bread of Life” (John 6:35).

“I Am the Fountain of Living Water” (see John 7:38).

“I Am the Light of the World” (John 8:12).

“I Am the Sheep Gate” (see John 10:7).

“I Am the Resurrection, and the Life” (John 11:25).

“I Am the Good Shepherd” (John 10:11).

“I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life” (John 14:6).

“I Am the True Vine” (John 15:1).

He even said that He is the true temple! (John 2:19-21).

Jesus’ apostle Paul said, “Christ our Passover [or Passover Lamb] has been sacrificed for us” (1 Corinthians 5:7).

**Jesus’ claims demand your answer.**

Jesus pushed the question further and asked His disciples directly, personally, *“But whom say ye that*

*I am?*” (Matthew 16:15). Who Jesus is demands an honest answer from every human soul. Whenever this question is asked, it is a personal question.

Many today say Jesus Christ was merely a good teacher, a good role model, or some kind of well-meaning religious prophet who never expected people to worship Him. But these hollow and irrational professions fail the test of truth and will wilt under the heat of objective scrutiny. These answers skirt the subject and ignore the claims the Lord Jesus made about Himself.

### **Judgment Day will put your answer to the test.**

Know that you will inevitably meet Jesus Himself, for He says that He is coming quickly to judge the living and the dead (Acts 10:42; 17:31). Sadly, many will inevitably meet Him in that judgment with their answers yet untested, and it will be too late.

### **Jesus’ words and works provide the answer.**

Be sure of this, Jesus Christ’s number one message that He preached was not morality, not love, not being “good,” not even loving your neighbor as yourself. No, the number one message Christ preached in the Bible was *Himself*! “I AM,” He says over and over again! A low view of Christ’s claims is a denial of His message, a sneer at His own estimation of Himself, and ultimately, a rejection of His saving forgiveness. Life, true life, is only to be found in humble submission to all that He is. Jesus Christ

says, “The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63).

Christianity is not like the man-made religions of the world where the teachings of the messengers are greater than the messengers themselves. Christ said, “Ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:24). He says again, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me” (John 5:39).

### **What is your response to the greatest question of all time?**

All the world will be divided, split, sifted, broken, and threshed upon this one great Monument of Truth. Christ Himself says that He is the Rock of Ages upon which a man will either be broken, or under which he will be ground to powder (Matthew 21:44). The ultimate separation of humanity between those who bow to Christ’s claims and those who reject them begins with a simple question from the most controversial figure in all of secular, religious, and political history. Jesus of Nazareth, the now resurrected Christ, the Son of God, demands an answer: “Who do you say that I am?”



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