

"WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:13 – 16, NKJV)

When Jesus asked His disciples, "**Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?**" Their response was many and varied, "**Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.**" Can you answer Jesus' question, for today? In other words, who are people saying that Jesus is, today?

Today, some say that Jesus is:

A god (one of many gods)
A prophet (or one of many prophets)
A great teacher
A healer; An angel
One of God's many sons
Just a man

In Jesus' days on the earth, some said:

John the Baptist
Elijah
Jeremiah
One of the prophets

Simon Peter said:

You are the Christ
Son of the Living God

In Matthew 16, the people knew that Jesus was special and unique. This is evident by their answer of John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. However, we know that as special as these men were, Jesus Christ is FAR BETTER and FAR GREATER than all of them.

JESUS CHRIST IS GOD!

Read the following passages from the Epistle to the Hebrews to see just how very great Jesus is:

JESUS is BETTER THAN ...

The Prophets (Hebrews 1:1, 2)

The Angels (Hebrews 1:4)

The Heavens and the Earth (Hebrews 1:11, 12)

Moses (Hebrews 3:3)

Joshua (Hebrews 4:8)

The Devil (Hebrews 2:14)

Aaron (Hebrews 5:1 – 6)

Abraham (Hebrews 8:4 – 6)

The Levitical Priesthood – Its priests; its laws; its sacrifices (Hebrews 8:12 – 17, 18, 19; 10:1 – 10)

All the Saints 11:1 – 12:2

Secondly, Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" From Matthew 16, what was Peter's response to that question? Knowing who Jesus truly is (with the mind and with the heart) is the most precious knowledge that you can have on this earth.

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT JESUS IS?

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:9, 10)

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