

Who Do You Say that I Am?

- **Think About the World's View of Jesus Christ and Answer this Question: Who does the world say that Jesus is?**
- **Who do you say Jesus is? Can You tell the group why you are so convinced of this answer?**

Matthew 16:13-17 - records these same two Questions and when Jesus asks the second one, "But who do you say I am?" Peter responded! "You are the Christ (Messiah) the Son of the Living God!" Then Jesus said, "Blessed are you, Simon, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in Heaven!

Read the Account! Matthew 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He began asking His disciples, saying, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered and 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. 18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it. 19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Notice What the world thought of Jesus: They were saying He was John the Baptist! Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets!

The world has not changed. They continue to maintain that this historical figure named Christ was just a good man with some wonderful teachings that can be combined with other philosophies of other good men.

- **Can Jesus just be a good man who walked the earth doing good? Could He just be a prophet? Why?**

Jesus proclaimed that Much about who He was! In one place He proclaimed He was God! What this means is Jesus was either lying, telling the truth or just plain crazy! Jesus was indeed who He said He was!

- **Below are statements about Jesus and what the Bible says about Him. Read through them and pick out two or three and share with the group why you picked these statements about Christ! (For example: If you Pick He is the truth, share with the group why and how you have come to believe this and why it has become special in your life!)**
- **Also share with one another How You came to Know Christ in some of these ways!**
- **Who do You Say Christ is and Why?**

1. **He is the Truth: John 14:6 – I Have the way the truth and the life!**
2. **He is the Deliverer! Romans 11:26 . . . I am set free!**
3. **He is the Good Shepherd! John 10:11, 25-30; Psalm 23 . . . I have everything that I need!**
4. **He is the Prince of Peace! Isaiah 9:6. . . I have peace!**
5. **He is the Light of the World! John 8:12. . . I do not walk in the darkness!**
6. **He is Counselor! Isaiah 9:6. . . I have direction!**
7. **He is the Prince of Peace! Isaiah 9:6. . . I have peace!**
8. **He is the King of kings and Lord of Lords! 1 Timothy 6:15 . . . I am in His care!**
9. **He is the Life! John 1:4; John 10:10 . . . I have abundant Life!**

Why not spend time in prayer Praising Christ for who He is in your life, thanking Him for How He's touched you, your wife, children, church.