

III. WHO DO **YOU** THINK JESUS IS? (16:15)

“7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.”

II John 7-11

A. Do you say Jesus is a **liar**?

“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.”

I John 5:20

B. Do you say Jesus is a **lunatic**?

“but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

I Corinthians 1:24

C. Do you say Jesus is **Lord**?

“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.” Romans 10:9

“10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:10-11

God left heaven and came to this earth to save you because He wanted to have a forever relationship with you.

WHO IS JESUS? – UNVEILING HIS IDENTITY

Who Is Jesus? – Part Two

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INTRODUCTION

A. Merry Christmas!! This season of the year includes special expressions of celebration. Historically, Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus. Commercially, Christmas celebrates the buying and exchanging of gifts. Theologically, Christmas celebrates the incarnation, God coming to earth in the form of human flesh.

“1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:1, 14

B. In this series we are going to do a deep dive into the important question, Who Is Jesus? The short answer is Jesus is God; but what does that mean and why should you believe it?

Dec 13

Who Is Jesus? – Part One

TODAY

Who Is Jesus? – Part Two

Dec 27

Who Is Jesus? – Part Three

Come and hear these messages and discover who is Jesus!

C. **TEXT:** Matthew 16:13-17 (Pew Bible/Pg. 963/New Test)

This conversation takes place in Caesarea Philippi, which was about 120 miles from Jerusalem and a center for pagan religion.

WHO IS JESUS? – PART TWO

I. WHO DO **PEOPLE** SAY JESUS IS? (16:13-14)

“19 Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings.

20 And many of them said, “He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?”

21 Others said, “These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

John 10:19-21

A. What people said in **Jesus’** day.

People said that Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

B. What people say in **our** day.

People say Jesus was a great prophet, teacher, and example.

“I am trying here to prevent anyone from saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.” That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about Him being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

--Oxford and Cambridge Professor, C.S. Lewis,
Mere Christianity, pg. 56

II. WHO DOES THE **BIBLE** SAY JESUS IS? (16:15-17)

The Bible says that Jesus is God who came to earth to save us. “Christ” means **Anointed** **Messiah**.

“1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.”

I John 4:1-3

A. Jesus **said** that He was God.

“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 I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?”

33 The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.”

John 10:30-33

B. Jesus **showed** He was God.

- He cast out **demons** (See Mark 1:23-28).

- He healed **diseases** (See Mark 1:29-34).

- He forgave **sin** (See Mark 2:5-12).

- He controlled **nature** (See Mark 4:35-41).

- He overcame **death** (See Mark 5:35-43, 16:1-6).

“and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”

Romans 1:4