

## Sermon ~ Sunday

Text: Matthew 16: 13-17 (KJV and Amplified Classic Version)

Title: WHO is JESUS to You? (2)

King James Version

- v. 13 “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?**
- v. 14 And they said, Some *say* that **THOU art** John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.
- v. 15 **HE** saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I **AM**?**
- v. 16 And Simon Peter answered and said **THOU art The CHRIST, The SON of The Living GOD**.
- v. 17 And **JESUS** answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but **MY FATHER** which is in heaven.”**

Amplified Classic Version

- v. 13 “Now when **JESUS** went into the region of Caesarea Philippi, **HE** asked **HIS** disciples, **Who do people say that The Son of man is?”**
- v. 14 And they answered, “Some say John the Baptist; other, Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah, or [just] one of the prophets.”
- v. 15 HE said to them, “**But who do you say that I **AM**?”**
- v. 16 Simon Peter replied, “**YOU** are **The CHRIST (The MESSIAH, The ANOINTED ONE, the Prophets said would come, **The Only ONE WHO can Save), The SON of The Living GOD!**”**
- v. 17 Then **JESUS** answered him, “**Blessed** [Happy, Spiritually Secured, Favored by **GOD**] are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood (mortal man, human seed, heredity) did not reveal this to you, but **MY FATHER WHO** is in heaven.”

## WHO is JESUS to You? (2)

In putting this question about **HIMSELF**, our **LORD JESUS** makes the distinction between two classes of persons... **JESUS** is noticeably clear... The Apostle Paul was clear...

Romans 8: 5-8, (KJV)

- v. 5 “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after **The SPIRIT**, the things of **The SPIRIT**.”
- v. 6 “For to be carnally minded *is* death: but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.”
- v. 7 “Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against **GOD**: for it is not subject to **The Law of GOD**: neither indeed can be.”
- v. 8 “So then they that are in the flesh cannot please **GOD**.”

Romans 8: 5-8 (Amplified Classic Version)

- v. 5 “For those who are according to the flesh *and* are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on *and* pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to **The SPIRIT** *and* are controlled by the desires of **The SPIRIT** set their minds on *and* seek those things which gratify **The HOLY SPIRIT**.”

- v. 6 “Now the mind of the flesh [which is *sense* and *reason* without **The HOLY SPIRIT**] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of **The HOLY SPIRIT** is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever].
- v. 7 “[That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thought and purposes] is hostile to **GOD**, for it does not submit itself to **GOD’S Law**; indeed it cannot.”
- v. 8 “So then those who are living the life of the flesh [catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature] cannot please *or* satisfy **GOD** *or* be acceptable to **HIM**.”

In putting these questions about **HIMSELF**, “Whom do men say that **I The Son of man** am?” And **WHO is JESUS to You?** The two distinct classes of persons are “**HIS disciples**, v. 13” and “*men*, v. 13.”

These “*men*,” form their judgment of **CHRIST** according to “*flesh and blood*, v. 17”; “*carnal reasoning*”; “they follow *the current opinions*”; “they follow *the natural* and not **The Spiritual**.”

What conclusions did they arrive at...?

\**Diverse*— “some say that **THOU art** John the Baptist”; “some, Elijah”; “others, Jeremiah”; *or* “*one of the prophets*.”

Point: It was 12 disciples: Peter, Andrew, James, John... no doubt, each knew, lived by, work with, confided in, simply heard the talk, the latest news report, *or* influenced by, network with, someone, other than **JESUS**.

\**Contradictory*—if **JESUS** was John The Baptist, **HE** could not be Jeremiah...

Point: “Error is multiform, **TRUTH is ONE**.”

Point: *Flesh and blood* makes many guesses, but never settle upon no ONE. The enemies of **The LORD** is at constantly war with each other. (Matthew 6: 24, “No man can serve two...)

Point: The conclusions of the *flesh and blood* are respectful to **JESUS**, BUT, “they are every one of them **WRONG**.”

Point: Those who take not **The Whole CHRIST** take not **CHRIST** at all!

### **WHO is JESUS to You? (2)**

Some *wonder* at **HIM**. Some *admire* **HIM**. Some *abhor*, is disgusted, and hate **HIM**.

But who among us can tell of **HIS** generation? The *enigma* (mystery) of **HIS PERSON?**

**JESUS is Spiritual**, you/I, without **HIM** is carnal.

**JESUS is HOLY**, you/I without **HIM** is “sold under sin.”

**JESUS**, without **HIM**, “**The Brightness of HIS Glory**” blinds you/me. (Acts 9: 1-8... **JESUS** said, Matthew 5: 8, “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see **GOD**.)

**JESUS**, without **HIM**, we *guess*, we *reason* within ourselves, and we *blunder* (make stupid and careless mistakes). **JESUS** becomes to them a “stone of stumbling, and a **ROCK** of offense.”

There is a **NAME** I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in mine ear, The sweetest **NAME** on earth.  
It tells me of a **SAVIOR’S LOVE**, **WHO** died to make me free;  
It tells me of **HIS** precious **Blood**, The sinner’s perfect plea.’  
It tells me what my **FATHER** hath, in store for every Day,  
And tho’ I tread a darksome path, Yields sunshine all the way.  
O, how I Love **JESUS**! O, how I Love **JESUS**! Because **HE** first Loved me!