

Do you know who Jesus Christ is?

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There are those who declare and state that Jesus Christ was a prophet, but they will not believe or state that Jesus is God in the form of a man. They will state that he was a good man, but they deny the fact that he came from heaven to die for the sins of mankind and rose from the dead. The fact He declared himself to be God and the Jews recognized and realized that his words pointed to that truth was one of the reasons that they hated him and wanted to destroy him. They refused to believe that He is God and the Son of God and was sent by God to take away the curse that was brought into the world through the transgression of Adam, God's first son.

In John 4:24 it says these words: God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. If you trace these verses back to the beginning, you will find that Jesus said these words to a Samaritan woman who was rejected by society. She had been married five times and she now was living with a man who was not her husband. She tried to sidestep the issue when Jesus told her to go get her husband and come back to talk with him. She simply said, "I have no husband." Besides the fact that she was considered inferior according to the Jewish custom, she was a Samaritan who was looked down upon by the Jews and then to add to the dilemma, she has not led an exemplary life. Jesus spoke to her these words, "Thou hast well said, I have no husband; for you have had five husbands and the person that you have now is not your husband; you have spoken the truth." Jesus spoke plainly and told the whole truth and refused to dance around the issues that caused people to reject him. This woman immediately discerned in her spirit that this man had to be a prophet for he told her all things that she ever did and there was no way he would have known these things without being a prophet. She tried to avoid further discussion about her personal life by stating that her ancestors worshiped in this mountain and the Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus brought out the plan of God that there would come a day when all people would worship God wherever they are and whoever they are for Gentiles would have the opportunity to believe on him and receive salvation just as the Jews had been chosen to enjoy. In verse 25, she said, "I know that Messiah cometh who is called Christ; when he is come, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I that speak unto thee am He." We are familiar with the story of how she left her water pots, went into the city and sought out men saying "Come, see a man, who told me all things that ever I did. Is not this the Christ?" In verse 39 it says that many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, who testified, "He told me everything that I have ever done." Jesus stayed with them for two days and many more believed because of the words that Jesus spoke. They told the woman that they now believed not just because of her

testimony but because they had seen Jesus and his words convinced them that He is the Christ, the Savior of the world. (Verse 42)

If you look at Mark 8:27, you will find a discussion that Jesus had with his disciples concerning his calling and ministry. Jesus was walking through the towns of Caesarea Philippi and on the way he asked his disciples "Who do men say that I am?" They answered him, "John the Baptist, but some say, Elijah and others say one of the prophets." And he said unto them "But who do you say that I am. Then Peter answered and said to him, "You are the Christ." Jesus told them that they were not to tell this to anyone. Then Jesus began to tell them that He must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and by the chief priest and scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. Peter began to rebuke him and declare that this would not happen to his Lord. Jesus spoke to Satan who was speaking through Peter and demanded that he get behind Jesus. Peter was not speaking words of truth that came from God but was speaking in his carnal flesh.

In Matthew 22:42, Jesus asked the Pharisees who had gathered around him, "What do you think of Christ? Whose son is he?" They answered, "The son of David." He said to them "How then, does David, in the Spirit call him Lord, saying 'The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool. If David called him Lord how is he his son?"

And no man was able to answer him a word, neither dared any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

In John 19:7 we are taken to the scene of the judgment hall where the Jews are trying to convince Pilate to crucify Jesus. The chief priests and officers cried out "Crucify him!" Pilate didn't want to do that and he told them to crucify him themselves if they desired that to happen for he couldn't find any fault with him.

The Jews said, "We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." Upon hearing this, Pilate became more afraid. His wife had already warned him not to have anything to do with bringing harm to this innocent person.

Pilate asked Jesus "From where are you?" Jesus didn't answer him.

In Acts chapter 2 verse 25, Peter spoke the words of King David that Jesus had referred to when he asked the Jews about King David calling him LORD.

Peter spoke to the men of Israel and told them to listen to his words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs which God did by him in the midst of you as you already know. He was delivered by the council and foreknowledge of God and you took him by wicked hands and crucified him and slain him. God has raised him up having loosed the pains of death because it was not possible that he should be held by it. He went on to say that Jesus was the person that King David through the Spirit of God spoke of in the Psalms. The passages of the Psalms describe the Messiah and the painful death that he would suffer, yet he would not stay in the grave.

In Romans 1:1-6, the Apostle Paul wrote that he was a servant of Jesus Christ and called to be an apostle separated unto the gospel of God which he had promised before; by his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead; by whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations for his name; among whom are you also the called of Jesus Christ; to all that be in Rome, beloved of God called to be saints; Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In John 6:66, Jesus had spoken plainly to his followers that He is the manna that came down from heaven and to all who believe they will be given the gift of eternal life. He spoke to them that they were to eat of his body and drink his blood that they may live forever. They didn't understand the saying for it was hard to grasp and many turned aside and refused to follow after him.

Jesus asked "Does this offend you? What if you shall see the Son of man descend up where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh doesn't profit anything. The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life.

But there are some of you who will not believe. Therefore said I unto you that no man can come unto me, except it was given unto him of my Father."

Jesus asked his disciples "Will you also go away?"

Peter answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go" You have the words of eternal life and We believe and are sure that you are Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus responded, " Haven't I chose you twelve and one of you is a devil."

He spoke of Judas Iscariot for he would soon betray the Son of God.

Jesus didn't leave any doubt as to who he is and why he came to earth and what he came to accomplish. We must believe that he is and that he will reward those who diligently seek him. Either Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God or he is an imposter who deceived people down through the ages. He cannot be labeled as a good man, a prophet, when the truth is that He is divine and He is God. All authority is given to him in heaven and in earth. See Matthew 28:18. We are to worship him and serve him only!