

“WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?”

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“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”
— A.W. Tozer

How we see Jesus is foundational to our life.

Matthew 16:13–14 (NLT)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”¹⁴ “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

Matthew 16:15–16 (NLT)

Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus is shifting the question from public opinion to a personal perception

Matthew 16:17 (NLT)

Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being.

1. The divine revelation of who Jesus is forms the foundation of our lives

Who you say Jesus is will determine everything about how you follow Him

21st CENTURY MISCONCEPTIONS OF JESUS:

- Self-help coach
- Wish-granter
- Customizable Jesus

All of these ways of seeing Jesus fall short of worshipping Him and proclaiming Him as the ONE TRUE GOD AND LORD OF MY LIFE!

Philippians 2:8–11 (NLT)

He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The divine revelation of his identity causes us to **declare with our mouths** that Jesus Christ is Lord!

It also causes us to **bow our lives** in submission to HIM!

Matthew 16:24–25 (NLT)

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ²⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...

2. The divine revelation of who Jesus is forms the foundation of the church

Matthew 16:18 (NLT)

Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

Jesus is saying: I will build my church on the bedrock of the apostles and prophets teachings, and their confession that Jesus is Lord

Ephesians 2:20–21 (NLT)

Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹ We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

A healthy church consists of people who are committed to **living out** this confession together

God wants to use **you!** You have been entrusted with good news!

“Nothing can altogether overthrow and destroy [the church]. Its members may be persecuted, oppressed, imprisoned, beaten, beheaded, burned. But the true Church is never altogether extinguished: it rises again from its afflictions; it lives on through fire and water. When crushed in one land, it springs up in another. The Pharaohs, the Herods, the Neros ... have laboured in vain to put down this Church. They slay their thousands, and then pass away and go to their own place. The true Church outlives them all, and sees them buried each in his turn. [The Church] is an anvil that has broken many a hammer in this world, and will break many a hammer still. [The Church] is a bush which is often burning, and yet is not consumed.” – J. C. Ryle