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## Who Is Jesus?

*By Shannon Ford on December 14, 2022*

**READING:** Matthew 16

Today, there are many opinions about who Jesus Christ is. The same was true over 2000 years ago when Jesus asked His disciples in verse 13, *“Who do people say the Son of Man is?”* There were some who said Jesus was just a great preacher, like John the Baptist. There were others who said Jesus was just a great servant, like Elijah. Others said Jesus was just a great prophet, like Jeremiah. Today we still hear many opinions about Jesus. Jesus was a great teacher. He was a great humanitarian. He was a great example for all mankind. Most people think that Jesus was just a good person.

Many accept that Jesus existed. He was a Galilean Jew who lived and taught wonderful things. Many believe that He was martyred for His teachings. Add all these things together and they are still inadequate to who Jesus was, and who He claimed to be. He claimed to be God in the flesh. He claimed to be able to forgive sins. Every person must decide, is Jesus who He claimed to be or is He not. There is no room for in between.

C.S. Lewis suggested there were only three correct responses to who Jesus is. He is either a liar, a lunatic or Lord. There is nothing in the life of Jesus that suggests He was a liar or a lunatic. People rejected Jesus, but of all those who heard and saw Him, no one ever made any real claim against His sanity. If He is not a liar or a lunatic, then that means all that He said is true and He is Lord. As Christians we must always seek to communicate and who Jesus is and clarify what we believe about Jesus and His Word.

**PRAYER:** Father, please help me to be clear when I talk about Jesus. Lord, use me to help those who are confused about Jesus. Help our “Who’s Your One” to clearly see You and accept You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Matthew 17

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