

THE REAL JESUS

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

Revelation 1:18 *“Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.*

I.E. “Fight”

MATTHEW 16: 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?*** ¹⁴ *And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.* ¹⁵ *He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?*** ¹⁶ *And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*** 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.*** ¹⁸ *And I say also unto thee, **That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*** ¹⁹ *And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.* ²⁰ *Then charged He his disciples that they should tell no man that He was Jesus the Christ.*

PRAYER:

Jonah means “dove.” Simeon means **“he who hears.”**

Peter heard the Father’s whisper within his heart that Jesus was the Christ. Simeon was his formal Hebrew name.

Peter became his identity as Jesus gave him the nickname of **“pebble.”** Could you imagine living in the day of Christ – Jesus walking around doing all the things He did. And not know for certain that He was the Christ, the Son of God? How could that be possible?

Vs 13 *Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?*

VS 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

They – “several disciples”

“Some – say...”

“John the Baptist”/ Elias / Jeremiah

Jesus was baptized by **John the Baptist** –

John was be-headed for preaching righteousness.

This claim of Jesus being John the Baptist – would be saying that he was “re-incarnated”- utter foolishness- only superstitious people would say things like that! - The **“Fantasy Jesus”**

Elias **“Elijah”** - returned – since he never died- but he had a whirlwind of a funeral... - Elijah was known to confront, injustice, He was a strong prophet, spoke with authority- this is **The “Forceful Jesus”**- God who makes you do whatever he wants – regardless!

Jeremiah – nor one of the old testament prophets. –

Compassionate, caring, The people’s prophet. **“The Soft Jesus”**

I think people answered based upon their own personal perception of Who Jesus was to them. –

Their glasses! – Their own filtered idea of Jesus.

Seeing Jesus clearly – authentically, correctly.

Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

I find this question very strange and yet very revealing.

Who Are You!

Have you ever asked others, who people say you are? **Maybe you should!**

People talk about this church all the time – they say lots of things about us... but they truly don’t know us.

“Some say”- we are a cult, Some say - we are fanatics,

Some say - we are wild....Some say - we are heretics, etc...

Wanna know what I have found to be true about those who talk about us? They don't know us! Most have never even been here- not a single time! They don't actually know the truth.

This is exactly How so many people treat Jesus, how people treat God They take other people's word for it. Or take Hollywood's version of God.. They let everyone else tell them **WHO HE IS**
and let me tell you they get it wrong ... A LOT!!!!

Vs 14 “Some Say”.- “Hearsay”. Rumor has it....

Ever had people tell you all about someone before you met them. Then when you meet them for yourself, they were nothing like what was told to you? **“Some say”**

Vs 15 ¹⁵ *He saith unto them, But, “Whom say ye that I am?”
The answer to this separates Christianity from all other religions.
Who IS Jesus! –The answer is absolutely everythig to your life!*

Jesus said in John 14:6 He the “Way, the *Truth” and the Life.
The **Truth**- definition – the reality – the fact of what most certainty is!

This question – is not – “who is Jesus to you”
Who you think Him to be, who you make Him out to be. Your filter of Him.

The question is do you know who Jesus truly is!

*Not our praying to baby Jesus, version, - in a manger-
“Help me baby Jesus”*

Not the suffering savior, - on the cross

Not the Hollywood version of Christ - aster, hurling lightning bolts,

But who Jesus truly is in our universe!

Vs 15 ¹⁵ *He saith unto them, But, “Whom say ye that I am?”
Why did Jesus Ask His disciples this?
But, “Whom say ye that I am?”*

Perhaps Jesus is confronting doubt in His disciples? = MAYBE...

There is that “Uncertainty” - - the not knowing for sure!...

Imagine – Daily, everyday, walking with Jesus – asking yourself “Is HE really the Christ?” Is HE the one that has been prophesied about for centuries. Could it really be Him?

Self – Doubt....

Is Jesus asking for Himself? Is Jesus dealing with some self doubt, personal identity crises? Is He questioning who He is?

No, Absolutely not! Then why is He asking? Rhetorical?

This is a very common practice of teaching of Rabbi’s. Was to answer a question with another question.... The intent was not to avoid the answer but to help guide the student to the answer for themselves.

“Let’s dispense with the rumors, and all hearsay!“what others think”

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Simeon means “**he who hears.**”

(TPT) *¹⁷ Jesus replied, “You are favored and privileged Simeon, son of Jonah! For you didn’t discover this on your own, but my Father in heaven has supernaturally revealed it to you.*

“Nothing in this natural realm has revealed that to you!”

“This revelation did not come from looking at external things!”

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Thou art the Christ – the “anointed one” – the “chosen one”

Knowing who Jesus is to you, will not come from physical things.

Revelation of Christ does not come through natural observance

If Peter who was daily walking with Jesus, seeing Him in the flesh, eating with him, resting, waling, “living” with Him. Didn’t get the revelation through “*flesh and blood*”

Then how did He discover who Jesus was?

for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Peter had inside information.

Jesus said the Father must have revealed it to him. –“supernaturally”.

You need a deeper understanding of Jesus!

This is the same way you will need to discover WHO JESUS IS!

However, unlike Peter, we don’t have the benefit of walking with Jesus in the flesh everyday. But according to Jesus – we don’t need to.

The revelation of who Jesus Christ is is not found by physical obersevation of external things - but only comes from the Father.

¹⁷ For you didn’t discover this on your own, but my Father in heaven has supernaturally revealed it to you.

I wonder if this understanding of who Jesus truly was made a difference in Peter’s life?

Peter was smart enough to say yes, to Jesus before he had this revelation.

Peter forsook his family business, to follow Jesus.

Peter walked on water, Saw Jesus on the Mount of transfiguration

Peter cut off a man’s ear- “confident he had kingdom back up!”

Peter preached his first sermon 3K ppl.

Peter died a martyr’s death – X – cross upside down.

Peter had revelation beyond this world!

When you have the revelation that the man you are following is the Ultimate Supreme being of the universe.

**It will change how you think, how you live! How you behave! -
Ultimately...- how you die.
AND -Where you will spend that eternity**

**{Trooper Talk} - Kenny -... “Hunting trip speeding like crazy...”
“Insider information...”**

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OFFERING: *“Dreams” Luke 16:12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?*

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¹⁹ And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

That I might know Him and the power of His resurrection. Him and His Power!