

# The Real Christ

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Matthew 16:13-16 states, "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? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

It seems like today that every time we turn around someone is trying to undermine the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the desire of those who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to make Him like any other man. But when Jesus asked His disciples in Matthew 16 what they thought of Him; Simon Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." The word "Christ" is the New Testament title for the Old Testament title "Messiah," or the "Anointed One."

Though they may try to present Him as being the same as any other man of Adams' race, He is not! He did not come from the seed of a man but from the Royal seed of God the Father thereby making Him the Perfect Sinless Son of God who could do no wrong when living on this earth. He had no relationships with women, nor did He produce any children through these so-called relationships. He never said a wrong word, nor did He ever commit a wrong deed. If He had ever sinned He couldn't have went to the Cross to die for my sins and also for the sins of the whole world. Notice some things about His Deity.

First of all, He was born of a Virgin. "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14). This prophecy was confirmed by the angel when talking to Joseph who took Mary, a virgin at the time as his wife never knowing her in an intimate relationship until she had brought forth her firstborn son (Matt. 1:22-25).

Jesus had been born of the seed of Adam, then He would have been unable to be presented as the "Lamb without blemish and without spot" that God required as payment for your sins and mine. The name "Immanuel/Emmanuel" spoken of in Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:22-25 means, "God is with us." when the angel told Joseph that the child's name would be "Jesus," he also told him what the name "Jesus" would mean: "He shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

Secondly, Jesus lived a sinless life. The apostle Paul said this about the Lord Jesus Christ, "For he hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. 5:21). What the apostle was saying is that Jesus was born without sin and lived without sinning.

We also see in the Bible that He was tempted to sin but never once yielded to it. The writer of Hebrews put it very nicely, "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). What the writer was referring to in the Scripture was when Jesus was confronted by Satan on the Mount of Temptation recorded in Matt. 4:1-11. It was during this confrontation that the Lord Jesus Christ was faced with three categories of sin that all sin comes under: "The Lust of the Flesh: The Lust of the Eyes; and the Pride of Life." I believe that every sin that man is faced with today comes under one of these categories. Notice them for a moment:

When faced with turning the stones into bread (the Lust of the Flesh), Jesus overcame the sin of selfishness.

When faced with calling the angels to His rescue (the Pride of Life), Jesus overcame the sin of Self-Confidence.

When faced with possession of all the cities of the earth (the Lust of Eyes), Jesus overcame the sin of Personal Successfulness.

If we look back to Genesis Three we see that when Satan, in the form of the serpent tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden, using these very same tactics and she gave into them. He told her that when she ate of the forbidden fruit she would be as gods she saw that it was good for food (Lust of the Flesh); Pleasant to the eyes (Lust of the Eyes); and would make her wise (Pride of Life). One thing to remember about this terrible account in history; Eve partook of the fruit out of deception; Adam partook of it out of his love for her, choosing to taste eternal death with her (1 Tim. 2:14). Jesus Christ the second Adam, took our sins, identifying Himself with us because He loved us.

So regardless of what the unsaved fools of the world may say, "Jesus Christ is the Sinless Son of God." He is Deity! He is the Savior of the World! He is coming back to judge this world!

My friend do you know Him as your personal Lord and Savior? Or will you know Him as your Judge?.