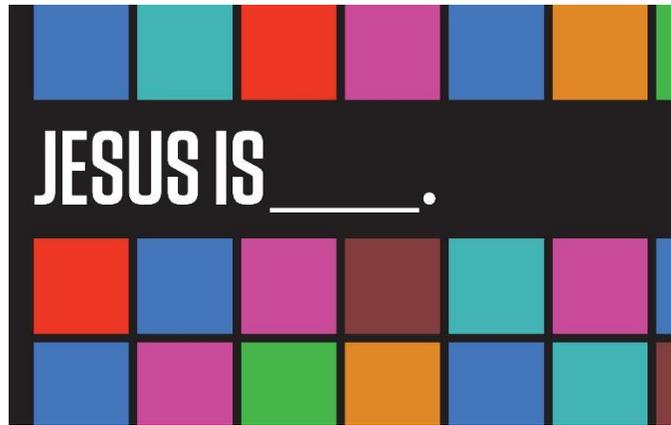


Luke's Gospel: Son of Man, Seeker of Men.

Jesus is _____.



Luke 9:18-20 (NKJV); Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

¹⁸ And it happened, as He was alone praying, that His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

¹⁹ So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again."

²⁰ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."

Matthew 16:13-20 (NKJV); Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

¹⁴ So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the

kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

²⁰ Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

Jesus is _____.

1. Jesus is greater than popular _____ (v. 18).

Scripture Insight: Caesarea Philippi was located north of the Sea of Galilee, at the base of the southwest slope of Mt. Hermon. The place had long been associated with idol worship. The site for pagan worship centered on a massive stone facade, which Jesus referred to in His play on words concerning "rock" in v. 18. **Who do men say that I ... am:** In the face of the surrounding idols, Christ led His disciples into a proclamation of His deity by first soliciting from them what other people said. In the end, however, what mattered was the apostles' own beliefs concerning Jesus.¹

John 1:1- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 8:58- Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

John 10:30, 33- I and My Father are one...³³ The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

John 14:6- Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Romans 9:5 (NIV)- Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Titus 2:13- Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ

2. Jesus is greater the company of popular _____ (v. 19).

¹ Quote from Thomas Nelson NKJV Study Bible.

John 8:58 (NLT)- Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I Am!"

3. **Jesus is greater than simply being a good _____, because Jesus is the Anointed _____-Man** (v. 20).

Scripture Insight: The Spirit of grace revealed to Peter the true identity of the Lord Jesus. **Son of the living God** refers to Jesus' deity. Several factors point to this conclusion: (1) He was born of a virgin ([1:18-20](#)); (2) He was called Immanuel, meaning "God with us" ([1:23](#)); (3) the title in Greek is emphatic: "the Son of the God, the living One"; and (4) later passages describe Christ as God (see [John 20:27-29](#)).²

4. **Jesus is greater than sin and _____, because Jesus conquered sin, hell, death, and the _____** (v. 21-22).

Bonus from Matthew:

5. **In order for you to accept Jesus as Christ, you must receive a divine _____ from God the Father** (Matthew 16:17).

John 6:44 (NLT)- For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up.

Romans 3:10-11; ¹⁰ As it is written:

"There is none righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ There is none who understands;

There is none who seeks after God.

Application: So how can more people come to faith in Jesus Christ?

- 1) **Proclaim Christ**-They must hear the Word of God. Romans 10:17- So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- 2) **Present the Gospel**-They must be presented with an opportunity to either accept for reject Jesus. Romans 10:9-13; ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one

² Quote from Thomas Nelson.

believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

- 3) **Practice What You Proclaim**-You proclaim what you believe by how you live every single day. If your lips affirm Christ, but your lifestyle denies the very faith that you proclaim, people will see the disconnect between your walk and your talk. Matthew 15:8 (NLT)- These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

6. **The Church is built upon the _____ that Jesus is indeed the _____, the Son of God** (v. Matthew 16:18a).

7. **The Church has this _____: Jesus will build His Church and death and hell cannot _____ it** (Matthew 16:18-19).

Sermon in a Sentence: Jesus Christ is the Hope of the World so let everybody know about it!



Action Steps:

- 1) **Make** sure that you know Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- 2) **Proclaim** Jesus to others by the way you live, what you say, and how you love!
- 3) **Join** a Life Group for the next 40 days during our 40 Days of Community Challenge.

Make a decision this week? Please let us know on your Connection Card.

Preview for next Sunday: "The Secret to a Significant Life" from Luke 9:23-27.