

# **“WHO IS HE - REALLY ?”**

*(EASTER SUNDAY, 2017)*

*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...*

*1Peter 3:15-16*

**The number one question most people who don't attend church are said to have - “Who is he – really? Who is Jesus?”**

## **I. Jesus CLAIMED to be God.**

*But what about you? Who do you say I am? Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.”*

*Matthew 16:15-17*

**Jesus is asking you the same question today. Who do YOU say he is?**

**Jesus said, “I am.” He claimed to be God.  
Jesus' claim to be God is EITHER true or false.**

- **If false, he was a LIAR.**

**A moral person wouldn't claim such a lie. His disciples all died BECAUSE of that claim. Who would die for a lie?**

- **If not a liar, but false, he was a LUNATIC.**

**It certainly seems unlikely that over 2 Billion people worldwide, in nearly every culture on earth, would follow a crazy person. Are they all delusional? That doesn't make sense.**

- **If not a liar or lunatic, he is the LORD.**

**If Jesus wasn't a liar and he wasn't crazy, he is who he SAID he is – the Lord God.**

## **II. The BIBLE claims Jesus is God.**

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6*

*To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:*

*2Peter 1:2*

**You don't have to believe me, you can look for YOURSELF.**

## **III. His identifying MARKERS prove Jesus is God.**

**If God sent his Son to the world to save us from our sins, don't you think he'd want us to KNOW about it?**

**The Bible gave over 330 prophecies of the coming Messiah. Only GOD can predict the future so accurately.**

**It takes more faith to NOT BELIEVE Jesus is God than to believe!**

**“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sorts of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”**

**-C. S. Lewis – Mere Christianity**

**It takes FAITH to believe, but we ALSO have incredible proofs of the claims of Christ and the Bible and the identifying markers God has given us as to who he really is.**

**You can put your full TRUST in Jesus!**