

What You Think of Jesus **Matters!**

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What you think of Jesus matters! And you don't have to take my word for it. Jesus said so Himself! Please read on and consider your convictions about Jesus Christ:

Matthew 22:41-46

“While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, ‘What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?’ They said to Him, ‘The Son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How then does David in the Spirit call Him “Lord,” saying: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool”’? If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?’ And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.”

The Most Important Question

The Pharisees and Sadducees had asked Jesus many questions. Jesus then turned the tables on them and asked them a question which goes right to the heart of the matter: **“Whose Son is the Christ?”** The Pharisees knew that the Messiah would be a descendant of David, but they did not understand that He would be *more* than a human descendant – He would be **God in the flesh!** But when Jesus quoted **Psalm 110:1** to show that David had prophesied that the Messiah would be God in the flesh – well, that was more than these dishonest Jews could accept. They had no answer for Jesus, they refused to accept Him as the Son of God, as God in the flesh, and so nothing else really mattered after that.

What About You?

What do **you** think of Jesus? It matters because Jesus raised the question Himself to those who saw and heard Him. Philip preached Jesus to the Ethiopian (**Acts 8:35**) and when he was finished, we read the following:

“Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?’

*Then Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him” (**Acts 8:36-38**).*

Notice from this text that when an *inspired* teacher preached Jesus to the person his response was a desire to be baptized – right then, and there! Notice also that Philip refused to baptize him unless he confessed **“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”** So it not only matters what you believe about Jesus, but also you cannot be saved unless you believe the same thing the Ethiopian confessed!

Many “cults” who claim to be “Christian” do not believe the truth about Jesus Christ. Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons say that he is a “created being.” The Bible teaches that He is God Who came in the flesh.

If You Believe Jesus Is God’s Son

Now if you **believe** that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, but you have not been baptized in His name for the remission of sins, then you still have not been saved! Why believe Jesus is God’s Son if you are not going to believe and obey Him?

Many denominations who also claim to be “Christian” teach that baptism is **not** essential to salvation. They affirm that it is “an outward sign of an inward grace,” or “proof that one is saved already.” This is false and those baptized under such beliefs are not saved. So it matters what you believe about Jesus and that you are willing to submit to Him and His true teaching. Beware, dear reader, that you are not deceived.

Deception will get you lost forever. Satan is behind the false scheme and he can cause a “believer”(?) to be lost by believing a lie! Don’t do it. Believe the simple truth of **Mark 16:16**.

- **Believe + Baptized = Salvation.**
- **Not Believe = Salvation +- Baptized.**
- **Not Baptized (as infant) = Salvation +- Belief Later.**