



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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The Important Question: Who Is Jesus?

The Bible shows us two sides of the most important person in history. The Lord is like us *“in every respect”* (**Hebrews 2:17**). There is no shortage of biblical evidence concerning Christ’s humanity. He experienced physical reactions, such as hunger (**Matthew 4:2**), thirst (**John 19:28**), and weariness (**John 4:6**). He wept (**John 11:35**), wailed (**Luke 19:41**), sighed (**Mark 7:34**), and groaned (**Mark 8:12**). Jesus was human and walked among the people of Judea and Galilee and seemed to be a normal, average, everyday man, yet was He more than that?

To His disciples, Jesus asked perhaps the most important question that can be asked of any person: *“Who do you say that I am?”* (**Matthew 16:15**). Has there ever been a more important question? Has there ever been a more vigorously contested, completely or partially misunderstood question in all of time? This is a question that if willingly ignored leads to our destruction, and if correctly answered leads to one’s eternal salvation.

In response to Christ’s question, Peter said, *“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”* (**Matthew 16:16**). John refers to Jesus as *“the Word”* who became flesh (**John 1:14**). Thomas confessed Jesus as his *“Lord”* and *“God”* (**John 20:28**). The author of Hebrews had much to say about who Jesus is, including referring to him as *“the radiance of the glory of God”* (**Hebrews 1:3**), who partook of flesh and blood (Hebrews 2:14). The apostle Paul can speak of *“the man Christ Jesus”* (**1 Timothy 2:5**), who is *“the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation”* (**Colossians 1:15**), and *“the recipient of the divine name as the resurrected Lord”* (**Philippians 2:9–11**). These statements of facts, and the many more we find in the Scriptures, provide us with a rather shocking reality: the man Jesus of Nazareth is no ordinary man, but man and God in the flesh.

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What is Christ Worth to You?

Is He worth studying the Word for? Are you willing to give up your free time and put your effort into studying God's Word? "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*" (**2 Timothy 2:15**, KJV).

Is He worth forsaking the world for? There are many allurements that the world seems to offer, are we really willing to give them up to be pleasing to Jesus? "*You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God*" (**James 4:4** NIV).

Is He worth losing friends and family for? Who do you really want to please? "*Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'* Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (**Matthew 10:34-38** NIV).

Is He worth being persecuted for? Would you really be willing to suffer for the name of Christ? "*In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted*" (**2 Timothy 3:12** NIV).

Is He worth denying yourself for? Are you really willing to give up your life for Christ? "*Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it'*" (**Luke 9:23-24** NIV).

Most people don't mind claiming to be Christians when it doesn't cost them anything. True Christians know it costs everything to follow Christ.

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