

THE STORY

Sermon Outline
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Jesus, Son of God

Chapter 25 Matthew 16:13-20

Matthew 16:13 - When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, **"Who do people say the Son of Man is?"**

Common beliefs about who Jesus was:

* **Jesus was a _____.**

Luke 18:16 - But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Luke 19:5 - When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

* **Jesus was a _____.**

Matthew 7:12 - So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

John 8:7 - When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

* **Jesus was a _____.**

Matthew 21:10-11 - When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Jesus' identity _____:

"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 sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the 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." **C. S. Lewis**

The only plausible explanations for who Jesus is:

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John 1:19-20 - Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

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John 8:58 - "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

John 10:19-21a - The Jews who heard these words were again divided. Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?" But others said, "These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon."

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Philippians 2:9-11 - Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The most important question any person will ever answer:

Who do _____ say Jesus is?