

What Think Ye of Christ?

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Matthew 22:41-46, "While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions."

What is your answer to the question, "What think ye of Christ?" The answer would depend on who you asked. Those who have faith in God would have a different view than an unbeliever. Then those who say that they believe in God but not in Jesus would have an answer that they don't believe in him at all, or maybe as only a prophet. Regardless of what other people may think, what do you think of Christ?

To think of him as anything other than the Son

of God is to not believe in him at all. If he were only a man and a prophet, he would not be able to save anyone. Jesus was here on earth in the form of man - God walking on earth in a body of flesh. He came to go to the cross as the sacrifice for our sins, but before that happened he taught us about the Father and gave an example for us to follow. Many people say that they believe in him, but not everyone believes the same.

There are those who mock some of the doctrines that he set forth, yet they say that they believe that he is the savior of the world. In pulpits across the country and around the world different teachings and faiths are preached and all claim to follow the Lord. No matter how wicked someone has lived there are those who say that they went to heaven. I'm no judge, but the Lord himself said that if we don't believe in him then we would die in sin. John 8: 24. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. So how can one say that the wicked man can go to heaven without repenting of his sins, confessing Jesus, and obeying the gospel?

Then there are those who think that he was a good man, and maybe even a prophet. He was, and

more, for he was, and is, the Son of God. A good man cannot save anyone. A prophet cannot save anyone, even himself. To be saved required the sacrifice of the Lamb of God, Jesus.

God provided the perfect sacrifice, his son who alone was without sin. As under the law, the lamb had to be without spot, or blemish, the true sacrifice had to be sinless. Jesus was the only one who was qualified to go to the cross for the sins of the world. He gave his life for your sins and mine. Then he arose from the tomb, just as we will be raised by him at the resurrection.

It is of the utmost importance of what we think about Jesus. Yes he was a man, born of woman, but was also God. As the scripture says the Word was made flesh (**John 1:14**). What do you think of him? Some think that he will accept any kind of lip service and shallow confession. They live for him part time and come to church when it is convenient. Others think that he is okay with their sin and that it will not be a problem in the future. They don't read their bible and have no interest in what the bible, God, says. He is God and deserves and demands respect and obedience (**Luke 6:46**).

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