

VINTAGE JESUS

(The Jesus Most People Miss)

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Sermon Notes

Is He Fully God? Matthew 16:13-20

Those who dare to look beyond the prejudices and encounter the historical person and work of the real Jesus Christ are never ever the same. The name Jesus means, "God is salvation." The title Christ means, "Messiah who delivers."

Who Do People Say Jesus is?

2Cor11:3-4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed...you put up with it readily enough.

Islam – he is merely a man and a prophet inferior to Muhammad.

Buddhism – he was not God but an enlightened man like Buddha.

Hinduism – is a teacher, guru, or an avatar. His death didn't atone for sins.

Scientology – he is rarely mentioned, is not the Creator & did not die for sins.

Mormonism – he was not God but only a man who became one of many gods. He was a polygamist and half-brother of Lucifer.

Jehovah's Witnesses – he is not God. Before he lived on earth, he was Michael, the archangel a created being that became a man.

Liberal Christians – he is not God but a great moral teacher and leader.

"Anyone who would make a claim that "all religions are equally right" is not listening very well to what each teaches." -- Timothy Keller

What Did Jesus Say About Himself?

1) He claimed to be the way, the truth and the life God.

John14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

2) He claimed to be sinless and able to forgive sins.

John 8:46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Mark2:5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

3) He claimed to come from heaven.

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. John6:41-42, 60, 66

4) He claimed to be the "Son of Man".

Dan7:13-14 I saw in the night visions...one like a son of man... Matt 8:20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." (around 80xs in the Gospels)

5) He claimed people could pray to him as God.

John 14:13-14 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. John15:7

6) He claimed to be God and confirmed to others He was God.

Mark14:61-64 Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" ⁶² And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." Matt26:63-65

7) He claimed to be the ruler & judge of the world.

Matt28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. John5:22-24 The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son...

8) He claimed to be able to satisfy the deepest longing of our souls.

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. John4:14

Who do you say Jesus is? (Matt16:15-20)

- 1) A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would be either, a Liar, Lunatic or LORD.
- 2) You can reason to a point of probability beyond a reasonable doubt that Jesus is who He said He is but it takes commitment to lead to certainty. (Fully Devoted Follower of Christ 5G's)

Growing Notes

- 1) Why do you think no one is more loved and hated than Jesus Christ?
- 2) What does His name "Jesus" and His title "Christ" mean and what are its implications? Read the Matthew 16:13-20.
- 3) Review the claims of who people say Jesus is from the sermon notes. What does the Apostle Paul warn us against (2Cor11:3-4)? Why do you think Timothy Keller's quote it so pertinent?
- 4) Review the claims that Jesus made about Himself. What personal applications could you make for your life from Jesus' claims?
- 5) Why would someone who made the claims Christ made be considered either a liar, lunatic or LORD? You can reason to a point of probability but why do you think it takes commitment to lead to certainty? Pray.