

# ESSENTIAL D.O.C.T.R.I.N.E.

(What Every Christian Should Know)

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## D-Deity of Jesus Matthew 16:13-28

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? vv13-14; 2Cor11:3-4

**Islam** – one of many prophets sent by God but not the Son of God or God.

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

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

**Scientology** – he is rarely mentioned. Not the Creator and didn't die for sins.

**Mormonism** – he is a separate god from the Father (Elohim). He was created through sexual union between Elohim and Mary. His death does not provide full atonement for all sin.

**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** – not God but a great moral teacher and leader.

## What Does the Bible say About Jesus? John1; Col1; Heb1; Rev1

### His Claims:

- He claimed to be the way (to), the truth (about) and the life (of) God. John14:6
- He claimed to be sinless and able to forgive sins. John 8:46; Mark 2:5
- He claimed to come from heaven. John 6:38, 41-42, 60, 66
- He claimed to be the "Son of Man". Dan7:13-14; Matt8:20
- He claimed people could pray to him as God. Jn14:13-14; 15:7
- He claimed to be God and confirmed to others He was God. Mark14:61-64; Matt26:63-65
- He claimed the Bible is all about Him. John 5:39-40; Luke 24:27, 44
- He claimed to be the ruler & judge of the world. Matt28:18; John5:22-24
- He claimed to be able to satisfy the deepest longing of our souls. John 6:35; John4:14
- He claimed that He came to give His life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45
- He claimed we will be judged in the end primarily on our attitude toward Him. Matt10:32-33; John 3:18

## His Character: Rev5:5-6 Jesus Combines...

- Majesty and Meekness 2Pet1:16; Mark 10:45
- Self-sufficiency and Total Trust in God John2:24; 5:30
- Tenderness and Toughness Matt18:1-6
- Passion without Prejudice Luke19:1-9; Matt21:31-32; Luke7:36-50
- Loving to all and yet insistent on Truth. Luke 19:1-9; Luke 7:39; John 4:9, 13-18, 27; Mark2:13-17
- Full of mercy and grace without a hint of bitterness. Matt26:40-43; Luke 23:34
- Versatility and wisdom in every situation. John 3, 4; 11:17-37
- Fearlessness in Crisis John6:16-24; Mark5:35-43; John19:19

## Who do you say Jesus is? vv15-20

- A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would be either, a Liar, Lunatic or LORD. vv21-23
- 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. vv24-28; 1Pet1:8
- A fully devoted follower of Christ will be committed...to Christ and a local church family (Genuine), to the disciplines necessary for spiritual growth (Growing), to investing their time, talents and finances in their church family (Giving) and to contagiously sharing the Gospel with the world (Going). Doing all of this for the Glory of God (Glorifying)!

## 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 16:13-28.
- 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)?
- 4) Review the claims that Jesus made about Himself and the Character of Christ as reveal from God's Word. What personal applications could you make for your life from Jesus' claims? Why is character so unique and stunningly beautiful?
- 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? What are the 5G's of Commitment to Christ? Pray.