

The Life of Jesus Christ

Lesson 11 – In Galilee And Beyond

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Peter's Confession

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"But who do you say that I am?" (16:15)

First, what are you hearing about Me?

Second, what conclusion have you come to?

- Now a question that comes with responsibility. (cf. Matthew 21:23-27)

Time to take a stand: (John 7:40-44; 9:16; 10:19-21; cf. Joshua 24:15; 1 Kings 18:21)

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How do we truly answer that question?

(Matthew 10:32; Titus 1:16; James 2:18; 1 Peter 4:16; Matthew 16:24ff)

- Matthew 7:21-23 versus Galatians 2:20
- Also, consider the context – what had Jesus just rebuked them for?
 1. A good teacher who imparts wise sayings?
 2. A provider of fleshly needs?
 3. Your insurance agent (you only call when there's a problem)?

Based on Jesus' claims (John 6:38; 10:30; Matthew 11:27), He has to be one of three things:

Lord, lunatic or liar.

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"Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" (16:18)

- **"The Christ"** – the Messiah, the Promised One, the Anointed One.
- Many were looking for the Messiah (Luke 2:11, 26; 3:15; cf. John 1:20-41; 4:25-29) who they understood would perform great signs. (John 7:31).
- Most looked for a fleshly, political leader/ruler who would rule forever (John 12:34; cf. Isaiah 9:7; Daniel 7:14)

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"The Son of the Living God" – a contrast with idols. (1 Samuel 17:26, 36; Jeremiah 10:10; cf. Acts 14:15; 1 Timothy 4:10; Hebrews 10:31)

A living God who:

1. **Speaks** to His creation. (Deuteronomy 5:26-27; Hebrews 1:1-2)
2. **Fights** and intercedes for His faithful servants. (Joshua 3:10)
3. **Hears:**
 1. Man's reproach and defiance. (1 Samuel 17:36; 2 Kings 19:4)
 2. Man's worship and praise (Psalms 84:2)
4. Is to be **feared**. (Hebrews 10:31)

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"Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 16:17)

"Simon Barjona" – literally son of Jona. (John 1:42)

"Reveal" – "take the cover off" (Strong) (Luke 10:21-24)

Human wisdom and teaching didn't lead to this conclusion. (Galatians 1:16; 1 Corinthians 2:3ff)

The Heavenly Father revealed this to Peter and the apostles. How?

Through direct revelation? (Acts 2, 10).

Through truly seeing the **"signs"**! (Acts 2:22)

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Jesus continued in response to Peter's confession:

*"I also say to you that you are Peter, and **upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."* (verses 18-19)