

# Life's Ultimate Question: *Who Do You Say that I Am?*

Matthew 16:13-18

## *Who do you say that I am?* – Jesus

### Investigative Questions:

#### 1. "Who do \_\_\_\_\_ say that the Son of Man is?"

Opinions of the first and twenty-first centuries:

- Is Jesus another \_\_\_\_\_ god?
- Is Jesus simply the product of \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- Is Jesus just another man \_\_\_\_\_ God?

#### 2. Who do the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ say He is?

Declarations of the Bible and Jesus Himself:

- **He is the \_\_\_\_\_.**  
Mark 15:32; John 4:42; Romans 9:5
- He the \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 John 5:20
- He is of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Micah 5:2; Is. 9:6-7; Heb. 1:8; John 1:2

#### 3. "Who do \_\_\_\_\_ say that I am?"

A personal inquiry:

- **What are you basing your opinion on?**
  - \_\_\_\_\_?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ sentiment?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ encounter?
    - with the \_\_\_\_\_
    - with the \_\_\_\_\_
- **What difference does it really make?**  
**Jesus = Jehovah's \_\_\_\_\_ !**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Him is eternal life.  
John 17:2-4; Colossians 2:9-10; *I Am...* - Jesus;
  - If Jesus isn't – there is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Acts 4:12

### Challenge: How will you answer life's ultimate question?

Who is Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

#### Jesus' invitation:

- "Come and \_\_\_\_\_!"  
John 1:39
- "Come and be \_\_\_\_\_!"  
John 1:39 & 14:23
- "Come and \_\_\_\_\_!"  
Luke 9:23-27

#### Our invitation:

- \* Come to a \_\_\_\_\_ study room A139 with Pastor Mike
- \* Come to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Faith Connections discussions starting...
- \* Come join us in the \_\_\_\_\_ by following Jesus.

# Discussion Guide: Life's Ultimate Question

**Opener: What are the most important, exciting, frightening, enlightening... questions you've been asked in life?**

**1. Jesus asked: "Who do people say that I am?"**

- Why do you think Jesus asked the disciples this question? Did He lead by opinion polls?
- What do you think are the more popular answers to this question in our culture? At your place of work? In the majority of churches?
- Where do you think most people get their opinion of Jesus from? Do you think that's a good source?
- Why would it be important for us to know what people think about who Jesus is? Do you think it is important for us to engage people with a discussion of who they think Jesus is? Are you prepared to do this? Do you?

**2. As you review your sermon notes** (Yes I assume you took good ones and have them with you? No?!?!?!? [click here](#)

<http://ssefc.org/2016/04/03/lifes-ultimate-question-who-do-you-say-that-i-am/> ) **what biblical statements/truths regarding Jesus' identity are most confusing to your friends? Which ones seem to be most important to emphasize with them?**

- **Do you agree with the philosophical validity of C.S. Lewis' trilemma: Jesus is either Lord or a liar or a lunatic?** (see quote in notes)

**3. Do you think it is important for us to engage people with a discussion of who they think Jesus is?**

- Are you prepared to do this? Do you?
- In light of your answer, is it *really* important to you, or just a nice option?

**Prayer Target: Pray for opportunities to show people who Jesus really is, by living the life of Jesus and sharing the words of Jesus.**

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#### **Challenge: How will you answer life's ultimate question?**

Who is Jesus: Liar, Lunatic or Lord?

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