

HE IS!!

I heard a man try very hard once to get his students to believe that Jesus never really claimed to be God. In fact, much of the world's religions would say the same of Him. The Muslims say he was a great prophet, but he never claimed to be God! The Jews say he was a phony wanna-be, but certainly not God! J.W.'s say he was Michael the archangel but he never claimed to be God.

Sadly, many professing Christians today treat Jesus in similar ways. Some accept him as Savior but reject Him as Lord. Some acknowledge Him in hard times but seem to forget who He is while things are good. Many see Him as a way to heaven, but all too few fail to truly understand that He is the only way to heaven!

All these folks think they know who Jesus was, but let's let him speak for himself about who He is!

JOH 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

JOH 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

JOH 14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

JOH 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

JOH 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou [then], Shew us the Father?

JOH 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

JOH 14:11 Believe me that I [am] in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Obviously, Jesus did claim to be God, and we believe that claim was true! He said it as plain as could be said. He didn't say he was a prophet—He didn't say He was an angel—He said he was the way, the truth, and the life!!!! He said, believe me boys, I am God!!!!

Today, this world has been trying everything for peace and happiness. We have gone so far as to make the economy our god and to depend upon its continuance for our well being.

We are searching for something and can't seem to find it. We seem to be looking for something, or someone who is able to put it all together in such a way that we can rest from our labors and live in peace and harmony.

Alas, we have come to a time when most of the world says 'no one or no thing is able to do it:'

I come to tell you today that Jesus is! Jesus is God!! He is my everything.

(1) HE IS THE WAY--THERE IS NO OTHER WAY OF GOING

A) HE IS THE WAY INTO ACCEPTABLE PRAYER

1) To really pray, it must be in Jesus' name.

(FOLKS WHO ADDRESS GOD IN ANY OTHER NAME ARE NOT HEARD. JESUS IS P.I.N. NUMBER TO GOD)

JOH 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

JOH 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do [it].

2) He is the only one who can get us into God's presence

EPH 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

B) HE IS THE WAY INTO ABIDING FELLOWSHIP

1) the only real fellowship we have with God is our kinship with His son.

2) HE has gone to prepare a place for us

JOH 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

JOH 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.

JOH 14:4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

C) HE IS THE WAY INTO NEARNESS TO GOD!

1) religion can't get you really close to God

HEB 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

HEB 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

HEB 10:21 And [having] an high priest over the house of God;

HEB 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

2) Being a good Baptist can't do it either

3) Nothing can get you close to God except a personal relationship with the Son.

(IF YOU EVER GET TO KNOW GOD IT WILL BE BECAUSE OF THE SON!)

(2) HE IS THE TRUTH—THERE IS NO OTHER WAY OF KNOWING

(REALITY, NOT MERE APPEARANCE)

JOH 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

JOH 4:24 God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.

A) PILATE ASKED, "WHAT IS TRUTH" [REAL?]

JOH 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

JOH 18:38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault [at all].

1) He knew the life he was living wasn't real

2) He knew trust in the government wasn't real

3) He knew that wealth and notoriety wasn't real—just appearance!

B) OUR SOCIETY TODAY IS LOOKING FOR TRUTH

1) They are always searching for who they are

2) They hope to find it by finding out who they were—searching for roots, and the current genealogy craze.

3) They are searching for a way to be free from the search!

JOH 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

C) JESUS IS REAL!

1) Everything else is mere appearance!

2) HE is the only one who can change you and give you real peace about who you are.

3) Everything else is vanity!

EPH 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

EPH 4:18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

EPH 4:19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness,

(3) HE IS THE LIFE—THERE'S NO OTHER WAY OF LIVING!

A) HE GIVES THE BEST LIFE—ALL ELSE IS JUST A SUBSTITUTE.

1) Anyone who has lived both ways will tell you that this is the best

2) God's offer for life is to have it more abundantly than any other source can provide.

JOH 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.

B) HE GIVES THE HIGHEST LIFE

1) The life He gives is spiritual-too little attention is paid to it

2) If it is fed, it grows and becomes even more prosperous.

WHATEVER YOU NEED; JESUS IS:

1) YOU NEED PROTECTION?

JOH 10:14 I am the good shepherd, and know my [sheep], and am known of mine.

2) YOU NEED SAVED?

JOH 10:7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

JOH 10:8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

JOH 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

JOH 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.

3) ARE YOU HUNGRY AND THIRSTY?

JOH 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

SIMPLY PUT, JESUS IS: HE IS EVERYTHING!!!