

Whom Do Men Say That I The
Son Of Man Am?

Who Is Jesus?

- Jesus' question to his disciples is still very applicable to us today.
- How is Jesus viewed by:
 - Catholicism
 - Islam
 - Mormonism
 - The world
 - Christendom
 - The Church
 - You

Catholicism

Mat 16:13-19

(13) When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

(14) And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

(15) He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

(16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Catholicism

(17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

(18) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

(19) And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Catholicism

- Who is Jesus?
- To Catholics He is the creator of the papacy!

Catholicism

2Th 2:1-4

(1) Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

(2) That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

(3) Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

(4) Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Islam

- “Jesus in Islam is a messenger of God who had been sent to guide the Children of Israel with a new scripture, the *Injil* (gospel).”
- “The Qur'an, believed by Muslims to be God's final revelation, states that Jesus was born to Mary as the result of virginal conception, a miraculous event which occurred by the decree of God.”
- “To aid him in his quest, Jesus was given the ability to perform miracles, all by the permission of God.”

Islam

- “According to Islamic texts, Jesus was neither killed nor crucified, but rather he was raised alive up to heaven.”
- “Islamic traditions narrate that he will return to earth near the day of judgment to restore justice and defeat *al-Masih ad-Dajjal* (lit. ‘the false messiah,’ also known as the Antichrist).”
- “Like all prophets in Islam, Jesus is considered to have been a Muslim, as he preached for people to adopt the straight path in submission to God’s will.”

Islam

- “Islam rejects that Jesus was God or the son of God, stating that he was an ordinary man who, like other prophets, had been divinely chosen to spread God’s message.”
- “Islamic texts forbid the association of partners with God emphasizing the notion of God’s divine oneness.”
- “Jesus is seen in Islam as a precursor to Muhammad, and is believed by Muslims to have foretold the latter’s coming.”

Islam

- Muslims believe that these scriptures had become distorted over time in text, interpretation, or both.
- Is Islam truly a peaceful religion as we are often told?

Islam

- “Strike off their [infidel's] heads. Strike off their finger-tips! ... because they defied God and his Apostle [Muhammad].” (Sura 8:12-13)
- “Make war on them [infidels] until idolatry shall cease and God's religion shall reign supreme.” (Sura 2:193)
- “Seize them and put them to death wherever you find them.” (Sura 4:89)
- “Believers, make war on the infidels who dwell around you.” (Sura 9:123)

Mormonism

- “According to Mormon theology, Jesus is the literal son of god and his goddess wife.”
- “He was born through physical sexual relations with Mary.”
- “Brigham Young taught that Jesus was not born with any involvement of the Holy Spirit.”

Mormonism

- “According to Mormon theology, Jesus was born in Jerusalem (Book of Mormon, Alma 7:9,10) and is of the Tribe of Benjamin.”
- “According to Mormon theology, Jesus was married and had wives. Thus, in Heaven, Jesus will continue to be married to his wives forever.”
- “According to Mormon theology, Jesus was a polygamist (Journal of Discourses, Volume 4, page 259).”

Mormonism

- “In Mormon theology, in the ‘Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith p. 370,’ Joseph Smith taught that God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit exist as 3 gods. The Trinity is three separate gods.”
- “According to Mormon theology, in Doctrines and Covenants 130:22, *‘The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man’s; the Son also.’*”
- “According to Doctrines and Covenants section 93, man was co-eternal with God in the beginning.”

Mormonism

- “In 1844, Joseph Smith began teaching that the Book of Abraham teaches that God is but one link in an infinite ancestral chain of Gods stretching back through eternity.”
- “The Church believes that humans are the literal offspring of God and one of his celestial wives, and because of this we all have the potential to achieve exaltation to divine status.”

Mormonism

- “According to Mormon theology, Jesus offered a plan of salvation in addition to the one offered by Lucifer. Also, there is no salvation without accepting Joseph Smith as a prophet of God, Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. 1, p. 188.”
- “In Mormon theology, Jesus’ church ceased to exist and Joseph Smith came to restore it.”

Mormonism

- “In Mormon temples, Jesus is not worshipped and is not called God. Mormons do not call Jesus their Lord and God. Mormons never address prayer to Jesus Christ. Prayers are made in His name, but only addressed to the ‘Heavenly Father.’ They do not go through Christ.”

Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

The World

- “Scholars have used the historical method to develop probable reconstructions of Jesus’ life.”
- “Over the past two hundred years, the image of Jesus among historical scholars has come to be very different than the common image of Jesus that was based on the gospels.”

The World

- “Since the end of the 18th century, scholars have examined the gospels and tried to formulate historical biographies of Jesus.”
- “Contemporary efforts benefit from a better understanding of 1st-century Judaism, renewed Roman Catholic biblical scholarship, broad acceptance of critical historical methods, sociological insights, and literary analysis of Jesus' sayings.”

The World

- “Historians analyze the gospels to try to discern the historical man on whom these stories are based.”
- “They compare what the gospels say to historical events relevant to the times and places where the gospels were written.”
- “Most scholars agree the Gospel of Mark was written about the time of the destruction of the Jewish Temple by the Romans under Titus in the year 70, and that the other gospels were written between 70–100.”

The World

- “Ever since Reimarus (1694-1768) sought to convict the evangelists of conscious fraud and innumerable contradictions, his rationalist followers have put the writing of the Gospels late, in order to lessen their value as sources of reliable information about the life of Christ and his teaching.” - **George H. Duggan**

The World

- “Modern scholars use various methods for sorting out the historical Jesus who inspired the gospels from the Jesus of faith that the gospel authors wrote about.”
- “Contemporary textual critic Bart D. Ehrman cites numerous places where the gospels, and other New Testament books, were apparently altered by Christian scribes. The scribes, largely amateurs, worked to make the gospels more similar and to remove verses that could be taken to support unorthodox beliefs common in early Christianity.”

The World

- “D. F. Strauss (1808-1874), in his *Life of Jesus*, held that the Gospels, although they contain some historical facts, were mainly mythology and were written late in the 2nd century.”
- “Similarly F. C. Baur (1792-1860), an Hegelian rationalist, held that the Gospels were written between 130 and 170.”

The World

- “But Strauss, in the words of Giuseppe Ricciotti, ‘honestly confessed that his theory would collapse if the Gospels were composed during the first century.’”
- “If they were so early, there would not be enough time for the myths to develop.”

Christendom

- Plastic Jesus?

Joh 3:15-17

(15) That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

(16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Christendom

Act 2:21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

- Jesus is such a loving God that once you accept Him as your personal savior you can never be lost.

The Church

- We make no claims for or about Jesus, we let Him speak for Himself.

The Church

- The fulfiller of prophecy

Matt. 5:17-18

(17) Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

(18) For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

The Church

- Humble

Matthew 11:29

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

The Church

- The Bread of life

John 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.

The Church

- The Light of the world

John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

The Church

- The Door

John 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.

The Church

- The Good Shepherd

John 10:11

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

The Church

- The Resurrection

John 11:25

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

The Church

- The Way

John 14:6

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

The Church

- The Vine

John 15:1

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

The Church

- God

Matthew 22:32-33

(32) I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

(33) And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.

The Church

- God

John 8:58-59

(58) Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

(59) Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

The Church

- God

John 18:6

As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

The Trinity?

Eternity
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GOD

Time
God the Son

The Father exists outside of time,
Jesus is the Lord of time

The Spirit

- Our spirits exist neither in time nor in eternity.

Romans 8:14-16

(14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

(15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

(16) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

You

Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

- Who do you say He is?
- Is He your:
 - Friend
 - Companion
 - Creator
 - Lord
 - King
 - Savior

You

- How do you acknowledge Him as such?

Proverbs 3:5-6

(5) Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

(6) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.