

## ***Who is this Jesus?***

<sup>18</sup> Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?" <sup>19</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life." <sup>20</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

From Luke 9

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A pointed question:

Forget about them – who do you say I am?

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Ask:

The family – He's out of his mind

The Disciples – Who is this?

A prophet – Are you the One?

Learned people in authority – this is blasphemy

The crowd – laughed at him

Demons (!) – *Jesus, Son of the Most High God*

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A pointed question:

<sup>20</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "**God's Messiah.**" (Luke 9)

<sup>17</sup> "... revealed to you ... by my Father in heaven". (Mtw 16:17)

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Jesus had **power and authority**:

- to call a new people into being
- over nature
- to judge
- to forgive sin
- over sickness and death
- over all spiritual powers

**All of these attributes reserved to God**

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Jesus was **present with people**:

- Recognised faith,
- Heard someone's torment,
- Heard his friend's fears,
- Responded to grief,
- Was God breaking in ...

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Come, follow me ...

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Do we see Jesus for who he is?

“When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” (Luke 5:8)

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Jeannie and Ken Morgan

## ***Who is this Jesus?***

And ... Denise 😊

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“You must make your choice: either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” C.S. Lewis

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- Someone to bow before
- Someone who loves you and invites you to draw near to him