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WHO IS JESUS? #2

Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" The disciples answered, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Then Jesus asked, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter correctly answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." The Bible offers indisputable evidence that proves Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus fulfilled over three hundred Old Testament prophecies including His conception in the womb of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:22-23), His rejection, suffering, death on the cross and resurrection from the dead (Isaiah 53:1ff; Psalm 2:7-8; 16:10; Acts 2:31; 13:29-33).

Jesus is not only the Son of God; He is the Savior who shed His blood so that all who are willing may receive the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. His mission was announced by an angel who identified Him in the words, "For there is born to you this day in the city of David **a Savior**, who is Christ the Lord" (. Luke 2:11). When Jesus taught the woman of Samaria and she had introduced Him to others, they said, "...Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is **indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.**" (, John 4:42). The Bible tells us in 1 John 4:14, "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son **as Savior of the world.**"

Dear reader, is Jesus YOUR Savior? He clearly wants to be YOUR Savior for He left the glory of heaven, lived among men, and shed His precious blood so He could be YOUR savior. But he cannot be YOUR Savior without YOUR willingness to accept His forgiveness. The Hebrew writer tells us that Jesus is "...the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:8-9). Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). YOUR loving obedience to what the Lord requires for YOUR salvation is essential to Jesus being YOUR Savior. Jesus Himself said, "Why call Me Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say" (Luke 6:46). We plead with YOU to believe who Jesus is, turn from YOUR sins in genuine repentance, confess your faith in Christ and be baptized into the death of Jesus for the remission of YOUR sins (John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-5). "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).