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WHO IS JESUS?

On one occasion 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 answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus acknowledged Peter's answer to His identity as being correct saying, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven." It was upon the truth of what Peter confessed that Jesus said, "...Upon this rock I will build My church..." (Matthew 16:13-18). Note that Peter's answer to who Jesus is was not based upon who men thought Jesus was, but upon what the God of heaven had revealed.

Jesus Christ is "the Son of the living God." This is proven by the events surrounding the conception of Jesus in the womb of His virgin mother Mary. Jesus was not conceived by a sexual relationship with a man but by the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of prophecy (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18). Isaiah prophesied that the child born to this virgin would be called "Immanuel" and Matthew applies Isaiah's prophecy to Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:22-23). The fact that Jesus was to be called "Immanuel" is significant because the word means "God with us." Yes, Jesus is proven to be the Son of God by His miraculous conception in the womb of a virgin.

Further proof of who Jesus is was given by God the Father Himself. When Jesus submitted to being baptized by John, God said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). On the mount of transfiguration these same words were repeated directly from heaven a second time (Matthew 17:5). Can there be any greater testimony given as to who Jesus is than the very words spoken by the Father?

Jesus is proven to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead. That Jesus actually died on the cross is stated clearly in John 19:32-33, "Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He **was already dead**, they did not break His legs." Yes, Jesus died but He was, "...declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4).

Who do YOU say Jesus is? Will you accept God's answer as to who Jesus is!