

WHO IS JESUS?

Matthew 16:13-20

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Introduction: To His own countrymen, Jesus was just a carpenter's son, no special education, no special accomplishments, just an ordinary small town person. Today His countrymen (Israel) and others still doesn't recognize Him as anybody any different. However, Christianity is based upon Jesus and the foundation of the Christian faith is in the fact that belief in Jesus Christ will give to the believer eternal life and that what Jesus Christ did on the Cross and the tomb proves that He was/is indeed someone more than just an ordinary carpenter. In the Christian faith, Jesus is Lord.

I. JESUS IS A COMBINATION OF TWO BEINGS

1. Jesus is a human being. (*John 8:40*)
 - Jesus has a human body. (*Matthew 26:26;38*)
 - Jesus hungered and thirsted as any human being will. (*Matthew 4:2*)
 - Jesus got tired and sleepy as all people do. (*Matthew 8:24*)
 - Jesus was born of a woman and grew up to become an adult as all people do. (*Luke 2:40*)
2. Jesus is also a divine being. (*John 5:37*)
 - The Holy Spirit brought conception to Mary, Jesus' earthly mother. (*Luke 1:35*)
 - As being divine as well as a human being, Jesus is equal with God, the Heavneley Father.
 - *John 14:7-11; 17:20-23*

II. BEING DIVINE AS WELL AS HUMAN, JESUS IS ETERNAL

1. Jesus spoke of being a part of the heavenly "trio", God, the Father, He is the Son, and then there is the Holy Spirit. (*Genesis 1:26-27*)
2. Jesus is part of the very beginning of all things. (*John 1:1-3*)
3. Jesus is the "Lamb" slain from the foundation of the world. (*Revelation 13:8*)

III. JESUS, ALTHOUGH DIVINE, BECAME A HUMAN BEING

1. Jesus, also called "the Word" became a human being, became flesh. (*John 1:14*)
2. Through Jesus Christ, God was/is able to reconcile mankind to Himself. (*2 Corinthians 5:19*)
3. In line with God's time table, the Son of God (Jesus), was born of a woman, according to the laws of human nature. (*Galatians 4:4*)

IV. AS A DIVINE HUMAN BEING JESUS MADE ATONEMENT FOR MANKIND

1. Jesus became a human being for the purpose of making an atonement for all mankind. *Luke 19:20*
2. Jesus didn't come as a king or somebody important, but came as a nobody, a servant of all, and in doing so, had to empty Himself, humble Himself and become obedient to the laws of nature which meant death which He did on a Cross. *Philippians 2:5-8*
3. Although Jesus had no sin, He took on mankind's sin, thus becoming like every human being, contaminated with sin. *2 Corinthians 5:21*
4. Jesus' love for mankind was demonstrated in what He did while He was here and how He died on a cross in order to open the door for mankind to be restored to God, the Father. *Romans 5:8-10*
5. Finishing what He came to do for mankind, Jesus came out of the tomb, alive. *Acts 2:24*

V. HAVING COMPLETED WHAT HE CAME TO DO, JESUS ASCENDED BACK TO HEAVEN

1. Jesus returned to heaven and sat down at the right hand of God, the Father. *Mark 16:19-20*
2. Just before ascending back to heaven, Jesus blessed those watching and gave them a commission.
- *Acts 1:8-9*

VI. JESUS WILL COME BACK AGAIN

1. Believers should not be worried for Jesus will come back for them to take them to a place He's busy preparing for them at this very moment. *John 14:1-3*
2. Believers need to be busy going about the business Jesus left for them to be doing and not just sitting around waiting for His return. *Acts 1:11*
3. When Jesus returns for His Church/believers, it will be suddenly. *1 Corinthians 15:51-58*
4. Jesus will come down from heaven for His people with a shout. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

CONCLUSION:

1. Disbelief does not change the facts. Jesus is the Son of God, He is divine and He also has a human body.
2. Jesus came to earth to make the way for mankind to be redeemed, reconciled with God, the Father.
3. Jesus is the ONLY way any human being can be restored to fellowship with God.
4. Jesus is coming back in line with God's timetable to call out of this world all believers in Him.
5. WHO is Jesus to you?