

the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). After Peter’s confession Jesus stated, “Blessed art thou Simon Bar-Jonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 16:17). Peter revealed what had been given him of God!

#### WHAT DO PEOPLE SAY ABOUT JESUS TODAY?

Generally speaking, most individuals hold Jesus Christ in high esteem. He is regarded by many as a good man, and he was. The scriptures tell us that he never disobeyed God’s will for Him (II Peter 2:21; Hebrews 4:15).

Some proclaim that He was a great prophet of God. This of course is true, as it is clearly taught in God’s word (Deuteronomy 18:18; Acts 3:22). In Matthew 16:18 he prophesied the coming of the church and in John 12:32-33 he prophesied his death and the manner of death he should die.

Many declare without reservation that Jesus was one of the greatest teachers that ever lived and without a doubt this is true (Matthew 7:29).

Many passages of scripture speak of the miracles Jesus performed (John 20:30-31; Acts 2:22), therefore he is described as a miracle worker.

He was all of these: a good man, a prophet, a great teacher, and a miracle worker **BUT HE WAS MORE THAN THESE!** He was the Son of Jehovah God (Hebrews 1:1-14; John 3:16; Mark 14:62). There are many today who desire to acclaim Jesus as a good man, a prophet, and one of the world’s greatest teachers **BUT NOT** the Son of God. If Jesus was not what he claimed to be, the Son of God (Mark 14:62) then he was a liar! Praise God that He **was** who He claimed to be, the Son of Jehovah God who provided salvation (Acts 4:12) through His great sacrifice (Romans 3:21-36).

#### WHAT DID THE ENEMIES OF JESUS SAY ABOUT HIM?

Those who did not follow Jesus and denied that He was the Son of God accused Him of leading the multitudes astray (John 7:2). Others who rejected Jesus accused Him of being a Samaritan with a demon (John 8:48). On one occasion the Pharisees called Jesus a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners (Luke 7:34).

#### WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

Those who refuse to accept Jesus today become enemies of the Son of God, “He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me

scattereth” (Matthew 12:30). The individual who hears the words of Jesus and does not obey them is likened unto the foolish man who built his house on the sand (Matthew 7:26). The man who heareth the words of Jesus and obeys them is like the wise man who built his house on the rock (Matthew 7:24). Only the house (life) which was built on obedience to the teachings of Jesus stood when the storms of life assailed it. Jesus makes a promise, “If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will the Father honor” (John 12:26).

Read carefully what the Son of God teaches about becoming His follower.

- ① Hear the Word of God concerning Christ, Romans 10:17.
- ② Faith in Him as the Son of God, John 8:24.
- ③ Repentance of sins, a change of mind which leads to a reformation of life, Luke 13:3.
- ④ Confession before men that He is the Son of God, Matthew 10:32-33.
- ⑤ Baptism into His death, Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-4.
- ⑥ A faithful, dedicated life as a servant of God, Romans 12:1-2; Revelation 2:10.

Hear the wonderful words of Jesus which bring abundant life on this earth (John 10:10) and eternal life with Him, His Father and the angels of heaven (John 14:1-4), and obey His will for you that Heaven may be your eternal home. ■

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# What Think Ye Of Christ? Whose Son Is He ?

**MATTHEW 22:42**

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