

Outline - April 5, 2020

Matthew 26:31-40

Who Do You Say I AM

Matthew 16:13-18

Jesus Asked Over 300 Questions

I. How you respond to His question determines much about you

- A. It determines your basic theology
- B. It determines your philosophy
- C. It determines your choices
- D. It determines your decisions
- E. It determines your success or failure
- F. It determines your future
- G. It determines your eternal destination
(This is a time of worry and uncertainty)

II. Here, Jesus asked 2 very similar questions

- A. Who do people say the Son of Man is?
- B. The answer given
- C. The answers many give today
 - 1. Philosopher
 - 2. Prophet
 - 3. Wise sage
 - 4. Michael the Archangel
 - 5. Spirit brother of Lucifer
- D. Then Jesus makes the question personal "Who do you say that I am?"
 - 1. Peter declares, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God"

III. We all must answer this question

- A. The answer you give determines your eternal life
 - 1. Romans 10:9
 - 2. John 8:24
- B. Salvation only happens when you make it personal
- C. The result of the assurance of salvation

IV. How God brings understanding into our mind - (Flesh and blood did not reveal this to you)

- A. The revelation of God (Evidence)
 - 1. His word fulfilled
 - 2. His miracles
 - 3. His words
 - 4. His grace
 - 5. His love

- B. The removal of the "veil" over our soul
 - 1. We naturally rebel
 - 2. We naturally resist
 - 3. We naturally reject
 - 4. God removes the veil, we receive the victory
- C. Peter got it right (Blessed are you)

V. Peter reflects the life of most believers... (Choices, challenges, regrets, redemption)

- A. Peter got out of the boat (Matthew 14)
 - 1. Walks on water
 - 2. Takes his eyes off Jesus
 - 3. Looks at circumstances
 - 4. Sinks
 - 5. Calls on Jesus
- B. Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17)
 - 1. Amazed
 - 2. Wants to stay there and "package this"
 - 3. God reminds Peter to "Listen to Jesus"
- C. Makes promises he can't keep
 - 1. Start things you don't finish
 - 2. Fall away
- D. Denies the one he believes (Luke 22)
- E. Receives grace (Mark 16:7)
- F. Gives him another start (John 21)
- G. Jesus is not surprised or bound by our doubts, issues or problems

VI. The power of His truth/grace

- A. The gates of hell shall not prevail
 - 1. Humanity's rejection
 - 2. Satan's plans/plot
 - 3. The criticism of the skeptic
 - 4. The forces of evil
 - 5. The power of death
- B. He builds His church

VII. Who do you say He is?

- A. Determines what you build your life on
- B. Determines if you are in light or darkness
- C. Determines the power you possess
- D. Determines your eternity

**For Jesus Is
The Messiah
The Son Of God
God The Son
Believe In Him Today**