

Whom Makest Thou Thyself?

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I. Whom makest thou thyself? (John 8:53)

Joh 8:25 Then said they unto him, **Who art thou?** ...

Joh 8:53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: **whom makest thou thyself?**

A. Whom did Jesus say that Jesus was?

Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I am.**

Joh 10:30 **I and my Father are one.**

Joh 14:9 Jesus saith unto him...**he that hath seen me hath seen the Father...**

Mar 14:61 ...the high priest asked him...Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

Mar 14:62 And Jesus said, **I am...**

B. Whom did the Father say that Jesus was?

Mat 3:17 ...**This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.

Mat 17:5 ...behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

C. Whom does the Bible say that Jesus was?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**

1Jn 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and **these three are one.**

D. Whom did the devils say that Jesus was?

Luk 4:41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, **Thou art Christ the Son of God.** And he rebuking *them* suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

Mat 8:29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, **Jesus, thou Son of God?** art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

E. Whom did the resurrection say that Jesus was?

Rom 1:4 And declared *to be* the Son of God...**by the resurrection from the dead:**

Joh 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My Lord and my God.**

II. Some did not know Jesus—Some knew Jesus—And with some, it was hard to tell

A. Some did not know who Jesus was—(Or perhaps knew Him, yet despised Him)

Joh 8:48 ...Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and **hast a devil?**

Joh 8:52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou **hast a devil...**

Joh 9:24 ...Give God the praise: **we know that this man is a sinner.**

Luk 7:39 ...This man, **if he were a prophet...**

Joh 10:33 ...we stone thee...for blasphemy...because that **thou...makest thyself God**.

Joh 18:30 ...If he were not a **malefactor**, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

Joh 19:7 ...by our law he ought to die, because **he made himself the Son of God**.

B. Some knew who Jesus was—And acknowledged their belief

Joh 8:30 As he spake these words, **many believed on him**.

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Joh 1:49 Nathanael answered...Rabbi, **thou art the Son of God**...

Mat 14:33 Then they that were in the ship...saying, Of a truth **thou art the Son of God**.

Joh 6:68 (*Peter*) ...Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

Joh 6:69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, **the Son of the living God**.

Mat 27:54 ...the centurion...Truly **this was the Son of God**.

C. Some knew who Jesus was—But refused to acknowledge Him

Joh 12:42 ...among the chief rulers also **many believed on him**; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

Joh 12:43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Act 26:27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

Act 26:28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, **Almost thou persuadest me** to be a Christian.

Act 17:32 ...**some mocked**: and **others said, We will hear thee again** of this *matter*...

Act 17:34 Howbeit **certain men** clave unto him, and **believed**...

III. Why did some know Jesus? —And others not know Jesus?

A. Jesus' explanation in John Chapter 8 of why some did not know Him

Joh 8:42 Jesus said unto them, **If God were your Father, ye would love me**: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

Joh 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because **ye cannot hear** my word.

Joh 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Joh 8:45 And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.

Joh 8:46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

Joh 8:47 **He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God**.

B. Jesus' explanation in John Chapter 10 of why some knew Him and some did not

Joh 10:11 I am the good shepherd: **the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep**.

Joh 10:15 **...I lay down my life for the sheep**.

Joh 10:16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: **them also I must bring**, and **they shall hear my voice**...

Joh 10:24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

Joh 10:25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

Joh 10:26 But ye believe not, because **ye are not of my sheep**, as I said unto you.

Joh 10:27 **My sheep hear my voice**, and I know them, and they follow me:

Joh 10:28 And **I give unto them eternal life**; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

C. Jesus' further explanations of how people are able to know Him

Mat 16:13 ...Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

Mat 16:14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

Mat 16:15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for **flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven**.

Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Joh 6:44 **No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him**: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And **they shall be all taught of God**. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

IV. Paul's explanations concerning knowing and not knowing Jesus

A. God's mighty work is a required necessity before anyone can believe in Jesus

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know...

Eph 1:19 ...what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead...

B. The natural man has no capacity to know the things that a spiritual man can know

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1Co 2:10 But **God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so **the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God**.

1Co 2:12 Now **we have received**, not the spirit of the world, but **the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God**.

1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1Co 2:14 But **the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them***, because they are spiritually discerned.

1Co 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

1Co 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ**.

V. Conclusions—One for the inner spiritual man—One for the outer spiritual man

A. Inner assurance: If you know Jesus—And love Jesus—You already have Jesus

1Jn 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, **God dwelleth in him**, and he in God.

1Jn 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God

B. Outer responsibility: If you know Jesus—And have Jesus—You should claim Jesus

Act 8:36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; **what doth hinder me to be baptized?**

Act 8:37 And Philip said, **If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest**. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.