## **Lecture 19: The Claims of Jesus**

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## The Gospel of Mark

Person Work
Chapter 8

Who do men say that I am?

John the Baptist

Elijah (known categories)

Prophet

Who do you say that I am?

Peter: "You are the Christ."

Tell no one.

Then He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer, be rejected, be killed, and rise again.

Peter began to rebuke Him!

If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

#### Lessons

Belief in "Jesus" should be questioned: Who do you really think He is?

To understand His work (what He did), you must first understand His person (who He is).

The significance of His death is tied to the significance of His identity.

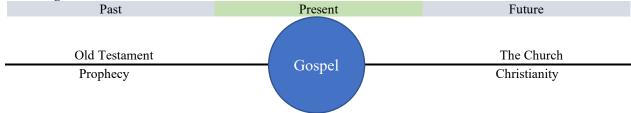
Jesus = Heb. Joshua ("salvation")	Christ = Heb. Messiah ("anointed")	The first verse of the NT
"and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Mt. 1:21).	King – representing God to man Priest – representing man to God King-Priest – one office now	Seed of David  The Eternal Empire of Christ Seed of Abraham  The Universal Blessing in Christ

One Mediator between God & Men!

The Great Commission!

Assessing the Claims of Jesus

"Sins" ~ the Root Cause!



#### **Present** ∼ The *Puzzle* of His *Person*

Amazing Humility – compassionate, receives babies and prostitutes and tax-gatherers and foreigners Amazing Claims – forgives sins, receives worship, claims the OT speaks of Him...

"Truly, truly, I say to you..." vs. "Thus saith the Lord..."

"Many will say to Me on that day..." vs. the Lord will judge you

C. S. Lewis – Liar, Lunatic, Lord

J. Gresham Machen – the Messianic consciousness of Jesus

### **Future** ~ The *Phenomenon* of His *Church*

Every movement resembles its founder in some way:

Bold Martyrs, Movement of Peace

Jewish Foundation, Transcultural Religion

# **Past** ∼ The *Prophecies* of the *Bible*

Messianic Psalms

Isaiah 53 – the "secret of the synagogue"

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