



## Introducing Jesus

### Whom Do Men Say That I Am?

#### 1. Apparently, in Luke's day, as there is today, there was a misunderstanding of Christ.

##### Luke 3:23

*23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,*

- Not everybody was privy to the information surrounding the birth of Christ.
- As Jesus grew up in the house of Joseph, people supposed, or concluded that Jesus was Joseph's son.

**Don't limit Jesus to what men suppose about Him, if you do you are going to miscalculate who Jesus is and what He can do.**

#### 2. Who do men say that I am?

##### Mark 8:27-29

*27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, **Whom do men say that I am?***

*28 And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.*

#### 3. Who do you say that I am?

*29 And he saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?** And Peter answereth and saith unto him, **Thou art the Christ.***

#### 4. Whom do the angels say that Jesus is?

##### Matt 1:20-23

*20 But while he thought on these things, behold, **the angel of the Lord appeared** unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.*

*21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt **call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.***

*22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,*

*23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall **call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.***

- We have the disciples and the angels saying that Jesus is the Christ.
- They say that Jesus is God in flesh.
- We have some men saying that Jesus is just a teacher.
- We have some religious leaders saying Jesus is a false prophet.

We have conflicting reports of who Jesus is. Who do we believe?

#### 5. In the mouth of two or three witnesses let every word be established.

## 2 Cor 13:1

*13 This is the third time I am coming to you. **In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.***

**We have witnesses on either side; Which witnesses are true?**

- In this case, witnesses comes from the Greek word 'martus'; which means 'martyr.'
- In other words a witness is only reliable if they are willing to die for the truth.
- We believe those who are willing to die for the truth of who Jesus is!

Every one of the disciples except John and Judas, died because they believed that Jesus was God in flesh...they were martyrs or witnesses!

## **6. What did the prophets say about Jesus?**

### Isa 9:6

*6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

The prophets also died for truth, they were martyrs or witnesses who introduced this world to Jesus.

We must introduce this world to Jesus!

- Will you stand up for this truth?
- Will you be a witness?