

THE

CHRISTIAN

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God's  
Will



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Jesus Christ

## INTRODUCTION

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In order to know God's will, you have to know the \_\_\_\_\_.

God has chosen the Person of Jesus Christ to reveal \_\_\_\_\_ to mankind and the means by which we are \_\_\_\_\_.

God could have chosen any other means of revealing Himself and saving mankind, BUT He didn't. He put a plan in place BEFORE THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE WORLD WAS LAID.

## MESSAGE

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In the following verses from Matthew, Jesus is travelling with Peter and the other disciples through a territory called Caesarea Philippi – an area that was \_\_\_\_\_ to the Christian faith. It is here that Jesus asks Peter two questions: (1) "Who do the people say[I] am?" and (2) "Who do you say I am?"

Read on to find out Peter's response. As you read, keep the following questions in mind: (1) Does Peter really understand who Jesus is? (2) If a friend asked you to describe Jesus, who would you say He is? (Matthew 16:13-17,20)

*When Jesus came into the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of man, am?"*

**Matthew 16:13**

## APPLICATION

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*So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."*

**Matthew 16:14-17**

1. According to Peter's response, who were some of the individuals that people believed Jesus was?
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2. Who does Peter say that Jesus is?

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3. According to the text, how did Peter understand who Jesus is?

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## REFLECT

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Light of the World. King. Creator. High Priest. Holy One. Rabbi. Lamb of God. Redeemer. The Way. The Truth. The True Vine. The Righteous One. Saviour. There are many names associated with Jesus. But who did Jesus say that He was? Let's take a look at the actual words Jesus used to describe Himself and see how we can better understand who He is based on what He claimed about Himself.

Read the following verses and determine who Jesus says He is in each verse.

1. John 4:6

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2. John 10:29-30

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3. Revelation 1:8

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4. John 5:22,27

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5. John 3:17

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## 6. John 11:1,14

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1. Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6). What things of the world try to compete with Jesus as the way?
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2. What would you say to someone who believed that Jesus was just a good man but nothing more?
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## THINGS TO REMEMBER

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In his book *Mere Christianity*, Christian author and theologian C.S. Lewis makes the following claim:

*A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic-on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg-or he would be the devil of hell. You must make your choice. Either this was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us."*

In Essence, Lewis is saying that there are three possibilities for who Jesus was: a liar, a lunatic or truly Lord. If a friend asked you, "Who is Jesus?" how would you respond?

*"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

**Matthew 16:16**