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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Have you ever said, "I'm sorry, I thought you were someone else"? After a series of apologies, there is the promise, "I will never make that mistake again." Even though the intentions may be good, the time will come again when those words will be repeated. "I'm sorry. I thought you were someone else."

Cases of mistaken identity will happen, and they happened to Jesus regularly. People often thought and hoped he was someone else. This is why Jesus put the question to his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" *Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life." "But what about you?" he asked, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God." Luke 9:18-20*

It is the same question I need to ask myself. "Who do I say Jesus is?" There are many things I would like Jesus to be. There are many things I would like to have him do for me. Still, he remains only one thing, and that, finally, is of the greatest importance to me.

Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one. He is the one sent from God the Father to be my Savior. He is the one who gave up his life to secure my forgiveness. He is the one who rose victorious from the grave to secure my freedom from death. He is the one who rules over all things for my peace, now and eternally.

Because of what Jesus has done and continues to do for me, I can never afford to mistake him for anyone or anything else. Like Peter, I confess that Jesus is the Christ of God, and my Savior.

Prayer: *O dearest Jesus, the Scriptures have revealed you to be the Savior from God. Give me the faith I need to confidently say, you are my Savior. Amen.*

(WELS E-Devotion, adapted)

...See you in worship.
Keep looking up because the Lord is always looking down – Psalm 121
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