

What Think Ye?

“What think ye of the Christ? whose son is he?” (Matthew 22:42). There are three primary positions taken concerning Jesus: 1) He was and is the Son of God. 2) He was a good man, a prophet, possessing human but no divine qualities. 3) He was an imposter, a man intent on deceiving the hearts of the thousands. There have been many books written that contain the speculations of man concerning Jesus. What we want to do is direct our attention to what the Bible has to say about Jesus of Nazareth.

Two passages identify Jesus as the “Son of God” (Matthew 2:13-17; Matthew 17:1-8). This proposition was also affirmed by the apostle John, when he said, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made... And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth” (John 1:1-3, 14). Thus, the Bible affirms that Jesus of Nazareth existed before all things were made, and that all things that were made, were made through him. The Bible also affirms that “no one hath ascended into heaven, but he that descended out of heaven, *even* the Son of man, who is in heaven” (John 3:13). These passages affirm that Jesus sustains a special relationship to the Father that none other sustains. In addition to the witness of God, concerning who Jesus was: the miracles of Jesus also sustain this truth: “Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came unto him by night, and said to him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that thou doest, except God be with him” (John 3:1-2). The miracles of Jesus were magnificent, instantaneous, and visible to those who witnessed them. Jesus calmed the sea (Matthew 8:23-27); healed the sick (Matthew 4:23-24), and even raised the dead (John 11:38-44). Numerous examples can be given that substantiate that Jesus was/is the Son of God. But the crowning event was when Jesus “was declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead” (Romans 1:4). This should cause us to direct our attention to him as the source of eternal life. When an individual rejects Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, they do so despite the evidence, not due to a lack of it. What will you do with Jesus?

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