

## WHAT I BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS

Text: Matt. 16:13-17

INTRO: Our text contains a question that each of us must answer for himself. It is one of the most important questions we can ask, for in the final analysis, our eternal destiny hinges on the answer.

- I. I BELIEVE JESUS IS THE VIRGIN-BORN SON OF GOD.
  - A. Over 700 years before His birth, prophets foretold the place & the miraculous nature of His birth.  
Micah 5:2; Isa 7:14
  - B. About 1500 years before His birth, Moses foretold His defeat of Satan, Gen 3:13.
  - C. Matthew & Luke record the virgin birth.  
Matt. 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-35.
  - D. Paul underscored this truth in Gal. 4:4.
  - E. John testifies to its truth every time he refers to Jesus as the “only begotten Son of God” JN 1:14, 18; 3:16...
- II. I BELIEVE JESUS FACED EVERY FORM OF TEMPTATION BUT NEVER SINNED, Heb 4:15.
  - A. He experienced the same **physical** “needs” & desires we all face.
    1. hunger, Matt. 4:2
    2. Thirst, John 19:28
    3. Fatigue, Mark 4:38
  - B. But He never put His “needs” above the will of His heavenly Father, thus He never sinned, 1 Pet 2:22.
- III. I BELIEVE JESUS DIED TO PAY THE PRICE FOR HUMAN SIN—EVEN MY OWN SINS. Rom 6:23; Lev 17:11 Heb 9:22; 1 JN 2:2

- A. His part in securing remission of my sins, was providing the blood, Matt. 24:28.
  - B. My part in securing remission of my sins is to repent & be baptized for their remission, Acts 2:36-38.
- IV. I BELIEVE JESUS OVERCAME DEATH.
- A. This, too, had been foretold centuries before His birth, Psa 16:10; Isa 53:10.
  - B. It was promised often in His own teachings, Matt 16:21, etc.
  - C. There were hundreds of eyewitnesses who saw Him alive after they had seen Him die, 1 Cor 15:5-6.
- V. I BELIEVE HE HAS ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN & EARTH, Matt. 28:18.
- A. Church councils, conventions, synods have none. Even the apostles were to teach **only** what He revealed to them, John 16:13; 14:26; Matt 28:18-20; Gal 1:6-11.
  - B. Human creeds have no authority.
  - C. Majority opinions have none.
  - D. I have none.
- VI. I BELIEVE HE'S COMING AGAIN, Acts 1:11.
- A. To raise the dead, JN 5:28-29.
  - B. To judge all accountable persons who have ever lived, Acts 17:31.
  - C. To take to heaven those whose sins have been forgiven, 1 Thess. 4:16-17.
  - D. To assign the lost to their eternal ruin, Matt 25:31-34, 41, 46.

NOTE: The difference in eternal destiny is **not** because some sinned & the others did not. It is not because some sins are big & others are small. The difference in

eternal destiny is because some have met the conditions of forgiveness & others did not. Acts 2:38.

CONCLUSION: Even today, you face the question Pilate faced almost 2,000 years ago: “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” (Matt 27:22). And you should be painfully aware that your answer today may well answer another question—“in the judgment, what will He do with me?”

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