

Isaiah 53

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Part 1 - Jesus' Life and Ministry

Jesus' question "Who do you say that I am?" is a good example of one of His teaching methods. Asking a question demands engagement, promotes thinking, and draws out a considered response. Jesus' question and subsequent teaching also illustrate the progressive nature of God's revelation and our need for growing in faith. Throughout history, God has revealed His message gradually, starting in Genesis and continuing through the close of the canon. He did not reveal any more than mankind needed or was capable of receiving at any given time. Also, Jesus' delay in introducing the subject of His death and resurrection suggests that the disciples' faith needed to mature to the point that they could hear and understand. All of us are called to grow in our faith. There is always more to know of Christ. "Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity" (Hebrews 6:1).

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His Lineage: *The Messiah will be a descendant of Abraham¹, of the tribe of Judah², of the house of David³.*

His Birth: *The Messiah will be conceived by a virgin⁴, born in Bethlehem⁵, taken to Egypt as a child⁶, and be called a Nazarene⁷ upon His return to Israel.*

His Royalty: *The Messiah will be meek, not having the trappings of royalty⁸, yet He will be heralded by the messenger of the Lord⁹.*

His Ministry: *The Messiah will be anointed by the Holy Spirit¹⁰ to minister in Galilee¹¹, perform miracles¹², and preach good news¹³, while speaking in parables¹⁴.*

His Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem: *The Messiah will enter Jerusalem as a king riding on a donkey¹⁵ and He will cleanse the Temple¹⁶.*

His Betrayal: *The Messiah will be betrayed by a friend¹⁷ for 30 pieces of silver¹⁸, and a potter's field would be bought with the money¹⁹.*

His Sacrifice for Us: *The Messiah will be killed 483 years after the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem²⁰ as a sacrifice for sin²¹, being crucified as punishment by God for our iniquities and bearing our suffering²² so that we are healed²³.*

- I. Who do you say that I am? That is probably the most important question for a Christian because everything hinges on that answer. Was he just a prophet? Was he just a Jew that went up against the religious establishment and got killed for his troubles? Or was he exactly who he said he was and is – the Son of the Living God, that is God himself? Guzik says “This is the question placed before all who hear of Jesus; and it is we, not He, who are judged by our answer. In fact, we answer this question every day by what we believe and do. If we really believe Jesus is who He says He is, it will affect the way that we live.” If the answer to that question doesn’t change our daily lives, then we must examine our hearts and our relationship with God.

Matthew 16:13-17

Luke 22:3; 24:44-45

- II. The most significant event in human history is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The story of Jesus is found within prophecies throughout the Old Testament, permeating scripture, and saturating the overarching narrative of the Bible. The description of the Messiah in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms provides the answer the question of who Jesus is and the testimony of the Gospels, correlated through recorded historical events, shows that they were accurately and completely fulfilled by Jesus.

John 3:16

Psalms 118:9

Genesis 3:15

Micah 7:5-6

Zechariah 13:8

1 Corinthians 2:5

Exodus 21:32

Hebrews 11

Jeremiah 17:5

Matthew 10:21

- III. Jesus’ life and ministry in fulfillment of the scriptures prove conclusively that He is the Son of God. Evidence affirms that the sinless Jesus bled and died on a cross. Most importantly, the Bible explains why Jesus’ death and resurrection provide the only entrance to heaven. Jesus had to die because the punishment for sin is death and the promise of salvation for all mankind as foretold by the prophets required an innocent death. Remember, the holy God cannot let sin go unpunished. To bear our own sins would be to suffer God’s judgment in the flames of hell. Praise God, He kept His promise to send and sacrifice the perfect Lamb to bear the sins of those who trust in Him. Jesus had to die because He is the only one who can pay the penalty for our sins. (GotQuestions.org)

Matthew 28:18-20

Titus 2:12-14

John 14:1-4,16-18,25-27

Revelation 3:10; 20:4-6; 21:4; 22:3-5

Romans 8:18

1) Gn. 22:17-18	9) Is. 40:3-5; Mt. 3:3; Lk. 1:76, 3:3-6; Mk. 1:3	17) Ps. 41:9; Jn. 13:18-19; Lk. 22:1-4; Mt. 26:47-49
2) Gn. 49:10	10) Is. 11:2; 1Co. 1:30; He. 2:18, 4:15-16; Mt. 8:26; Jn. 16:13	18) Ze. 11:12; Mt. 26:14-16
3) 2Sa. 7:11-16; Mt. 1:1-17, 15:22, 20:30, 21:9; Lk. 3:23-38	11) Is. 9:1-2; Mt. 4:13-14, 23	19) Ze. 11:13; Mt. 27:3-10
4) Is. 7:14; Lk. 1:26-38; Mt. 1:20-23; Jn. 1:14, 6:69; He. 7:26	12) Is. 35:5-6; Mt. 11:4-6	20) Da. 9:24-27; Ne. 2:1-8
5) Mi. 5:2; Lk. 2:1-7	13) Is. 61:1-3; Lk. 4:16-22; Jn.1:12-13	21) Is. 53:4,10; 2Co. 5:19; Lv. 5:6; 1Pe. 1:18-19; Ps. 40:6-8; He. 10:5-10
6) Ho.11:1; Je. 31:15; Mt. 2:13-18	14) Ps. 78:2-4; Mt. 13:34-35; 2Ti. 3:7	22) Dt. 21:22-23; Mk.15:34; Ps. 22:1
7) Is. 11:1; Mt. 2:21-23; Jn. 1:46	15) Ze. 9:9; Mt. 21:1-11; Lk. 19:37-44	23) Is. 53:11; 1Pe. 2:24; Ps. 103:12
8) Is. 53:1-2; Ph. 2:5-8; Ez. 37:24-25; Mt. 5:3-12; Ac.1:6	16) Ma. 3:1; Ps. 69:9; Jn. 2:13-17; Mt. 21:12-13	