

"But what about you?" He asked, "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"

Matt 16:15,16

Who are we in relation to God?....or.... Who is Jesus?

Its really important that we know who Jesus really is....Matt 2:23-25....2Cor 11:4,13-15....Galatians 1:8,9

Some popular ideas of who Jesus is:

1. *He is a god but not God Almighty (JW's & Mormons)*
2. *He is an angel (some New Age beliefs)*
3. *He is a good, moral teacher, usually one of many (some New Age beliefs)*
4. *He is a great prophet (Islam)*
5. *He is an ascended master (like Krishna or Buddha)*

Very early in the Bible, God promises to send us a **"redeemer"** who will reverse the effects of "the Fall":

Genesis 3:15

Deut 18:18,19....John 5:45-47

Micah 5:2,4,5....Matt 2:4-6

Isaiah 35:4-6....Matt 11:2-6

Some interesting claims the Bible makes about Jesus....

1. **He is the only way back to God....**John 14:6
2. His name is the **ONLY** name that we need to be concerned about....Acts 4:12
3. Everyone in existence will eventually bow to Him....Philippians 2:9-11
4. **If you have Jesus in your heart, you have eternal life....**1John 5:11-13
5. He is our **ONLY** redeemer/savior, He is not just a prophet, an ascended master or a god....John 3:16-18
6. Only God can forgive sins, yet Jesus forgives sins....Mark 2:5-7
7. The apostle, Thomas, calls Jesus God....John 20:28
8. Jewish leaders realized Jesus called Himself YHWH & Jesus didn't correct them...John 10:33
9. The Word is God & the Word is Jesus....John 1:1,14
10. Jesus isn't an angel....Hebrews 1:4,5,6,13

What kind of a 'good teacher' would say things like....

- A. *Anyone who eats my flesh will live forever....*John 6:51
- B. *I can give life to people after they die....*John 11:25,26
- C. *I am God....*John 10:30
- D. *I will raise myself from the dead....*John 2:19-21

Jesus didn't leave the "good teacher" option open to us....He didn't mean to. We have only 3 options....He is either the Lord, a liar or a lunatic. See the attached diagram.