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JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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"WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT JESUS CHRIST?" – PART 2

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Luke 9:18-27

And it happened, as He was alone praying, *that* His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" :19 So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again." :20 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God." :21 And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, :22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day." :23 Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. :24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. :25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? :26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father's, and of the holy angels. :27 But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God."

Last Time, In Part One of This Message...

We were looking and listening to Jesus' challenge to His disciples.

Verse 20

Jesus said to the Disciples, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said, "The **Christ** of God." –
The Sole Savior of Mankind.

"WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

1.) ***When it comes to who He is? v.18-19***

1a.) ***Some people will say anything***

1b.) Some people will say He's one of the ways to God

1c.) Some people will say He's a great prophet

Revelation 1:17&18...

"Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. :18 I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Revelation 2:8

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT JESUS CHRIST?

2.) What's your answer?

v.20-22

2a.) Who is the Biblical Jesus in your life?

2b.) Is the Biblical Jesus your Personal Salvation?

2c.) The Biblical Jesus is the Jesus you need?

IN FACT, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF ASKED THE PHARISEES A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION;

Matthew 22:41-42

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, :42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?"

WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

AND WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT HIM DETERMINES WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE IN LIFE AND IN ETERNITY.

1 John 2:23

Whosoever **denies the Son**, the same does not have the Father: [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son has the Father also.

1 John 2:22

Who is a liar, but he who denies that Jesus is the **Christ**?
This one is antichrist, he that denies the Father has denied the Son.

False Prophets are Satanic Evangelists
Seek to Bring About a Replacement Theology
Out With The Son and In With Their Prophet, Their Doctrine

1 John 4:1

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1 John 4:2

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus **Christ** is come in the flesh is of God:

1 John 4:3

And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus **Christ** is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is in the world.

Romans 14:11

“As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me,
And every tongue shall confess to God.”

But Confess What?

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :**10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, :**11** and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

“Jesus Christ” is not a curse word

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT JESUS CHRIST?

3.) Is Jesus Christ worthy of your faith?

v.23-25

why is this an important question?
because it brings you face to face with the Jesus of the Bible.

Luke 9:22

Jesus said to them, “**The Son of Man** (*not a prophet, not a religious leader*) **must suffer** many things, and be **rejected** by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be **killed**, and be **raised** the third day.”

Is This Kind of Jesus Worthy of Your Faith?

a suffering Jesus? // a rejected Jesus? //
a slaughtered Jesus? // a resurrected Jesus? //

IS JESUS CHRIST WORTHY OF YOUR FAITH?

3a.) is your faith in someone greater than you?

v.23

Then Jesus said to *them* all, “If anyone **desires** to come after Me,
let him **deny** himself, and take up **his cross** daily, and **follow** Me.

let him **deny** = (disown, surrender, turn himself in) himself
to deny yourself is to come to that place of not knowing yourself. meaning – I really don’t know me.

To See “Yourself” as The Issue before God.

Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

how can I know myself fully? only God can know me fully.

the cross in Jesus’ day.

there were no survivors

Verse 23

take up **His cross** daily, and **follow** Me

1. (**his**) means my personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. the (**cross**) means what happens to us for being with Jesus Christ
3. (**daily**) means day by day - more than Sunday,
4. (**follow**) means everywhere, in everything, at all times

what does this look like?

it means to do His will instead of mine.

the “what I want” is replaced with “what does God want?”

Matthew 6:10

Your kingdom come. **Your will be done** On earth as *it is* in heaven.

Matthew 26:42

Again, Jesus went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this **cup** cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, **Your will be done.**”

Don’t Ya Wanna Smell Good to God?

Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. :2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an **offering** and a **sacrifice** to God for a **sweet-smelling aroma**.

an offering, a sacrifice smells good to God? – yep aha it does!

So what’s your cross in this life?

it’s your association with Jesus Christ

It’s the rejection, the beatings, the mocking, the scorn, that we receive because we believe in Jesus Christ.

It’s the Cross of being Shut Out from Family
because you’re Christian

It’s the Cross of Being Refused That Promotion because you’re Christian

It’s the Cross of Being Branded in Class and Marked by Your Professor because you’re Christian

The more you shine for Jesus;
the greater effect you'll have on the darkness!

the more you speak out against evil;
the greater effect you'll have against wickedness!

the more you pray and worship the Lord;
the more powerless hell becomes in your life!

crosses come in all kinds of shapes and sizes.
each one is proportionately equal to the magnitude of our devotion

There is a Question That Reveals All.
“Do People Know You for Being a Christ-Follower?”

- to bear your cross is to walk with Jesus, cursing and all.
 - to name His name, spit and all.
- it's to not deny or to compromise under pressure.

When we confess Jesus Christ
we are embracing all that comes with Him.

**“Jesus Christ”
is not a curse word**

IS JESUS CHRIST WORTHY OF YOUR FAITH?

3b.) Is your faith in a safe place?

v.24

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, (you have power to save it)
but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. (you can only surrender it)

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship. :2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

3c.) Is your faith the greatest possession you have?

v.25

For what **profit** is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself **destroyed** or **lost**?

as a human being, where did I get the idea that I can control my life and
do a good job of it?
growing up “god-less” or “god-little”
truth is - we’re not very good managing our lives.

we think that more pleasure, more money, more power is living.
it’s not more living, it’s more death because the more we pursue those things the more we come up
empty-handed and unfulfilled.

so we move to the next level of pursuits – only to be disappointed again!

a restless heart is a stubborn and arrogant heart.

jealousy, greed, and selfish ambition, is the fuel that drives that heart.

To Know God – Changes That.

1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their
greediness, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

THE GREEK WORD **profit** // THE GREEK WORD **destroyed** // THE GREEK WORD **lost**

but Jack wait – there are false prophets telling me that I can gain the whole world and have Jesus too – what
could be wrong with that?

- just because you have money doesn’t mean that God is pleased with you.
- just because you have power doesn’t mean that God is on your side.
- just because you have stuff doesn’t mean that you’re doing well.

You’re In Debt Up to Your Eyes Man.

(The debt of uncanceled, unforgiven sin that has been racking up against God)

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT JESUS CHRIST?

4.) Are you willing to take on His Name

v.26-27

:26 For whoever is **ashamed** of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be **ashamed** when He comes in
His glory, and *in His Father’s*, and of the holy angels. :27 But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who
shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.”

I want to be sure about what I am about to say here.

in this 21st Century, I believe that we are living in the opening days of apostasy – the soon coming when we’ll
be tempted to deny Jesus Christ.

it’s already happening with Christians in schools and in universities,
it’s happening in the family and in business – *Jesus is being cashed in for a price or a position or a place. = 30
pieces of silver, all over again*

but I'm talking about being a follower of Jesus Christ,
it will cost us our **name**, our **reputations**, our **lives**.

Quran 9:5

slay the infidels (Christian and Jew) wherever ye find them, take them (captive), and besiege them, and prepare for them each an ambush.

Quran 5:33

The only reward of those who make war against Allah and His messenger (Mohammad) and strive after corruption in the land will be killed or crucified, or have their hands and feet off on alternate sides.

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ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE ON HIS NAME?

4a.) You can be Resolute In the face of ridicule

v.26a

For whoever is **ashamed** of Me and My words...

“Ashamed”

To cringe, to disfigure the face, to turn away, to look the other way, to be saddened of association.

the present tense, “those of you who **are** ashamed now”

Matthew 5:10-12

Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **:11**
“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.
:12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Only In The Bible Does It Say

Matthew 5:44

But I say to you, **love your enemies**, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Luke 6:22-23

Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. **:23** Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven,

The cross of shame was coming – would they be able to handle it?

The mockery was coming – could they stand it?

The gospel would soon be there's to proclaim – would they?

To go to the ends of the earth in His name – will they?

ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE ON HIS NAME?

4b.) You can be Confident in His acceptance of you v.26b

him (the person ashamed), the Son of Man will be **ashamed** when He comes in His glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

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ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE ON HIS NAME?

4c.) You can be Trusting Him for the rest of your life v.27

But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death until they **see** “the kingdom of God.”
there are several views on this. only two worthy of our time;

(1) - there were those who would see “the transfiguration”

(2) - or it can mean that on resurrection Sunday morning, they would see the power of the kingdom of God – resurrected life!

Verse 21-22

Jesus said; “**The Son of Man** (1) must suffer many things, and (2) be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and (3) be killed, and (4) be raised the third day.”

The Son of Man

{meaning, He was in our place before the father}

**Before The Throne of God;
is an awesome scene.**

Revelation 4:7-8

The first living creature was like a **lion**, the second living creature like an **ox**, the third living creature had a face like a **man**, and the fourth living creature was like a flying **eagle**. :8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:
“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!”

The Four Faces of Christs Ministry.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is Introduced as;

the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, The King of the Jews.
Kings are Represented as a **Lion**

In Mark's Gospel Jesus is Introduced as;

the servant of all, the burden bearer, more miracles are recorded in Mark than any other gospel.

In Luke's Gospel Jesus is Introduced as;

as the son of man, representing mankind and his humanity.
that Christ the savior is the Lord in human form - **man**

In John's Gospel Jesus is Introduced as;

the God of deity. the very God of Very God - **eagle**

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every knee will bow and every tongue shall **Confess**

————— *End of Study* —————