

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST

MATTHEW 22

Text: Matthew 22:42

(Mat 22:42) "Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David."

Introduction:

Christ is in conflict with the Pharisees once again. The question comes: "What think ye of Christ?"

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1. The Importance of the Question

A. What you think of Him is a matter of life and death.

Illustration: Thieves on the cross

(Luke 23:39-43) "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. {40} But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? {41} And we

indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. {42} And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. {43} And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

B. What you think of Him will determine your understanding of the Bible

C. What you think of Him will assure you live a Christian life.

(John 14:15) "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

2. Some Interesting Answers to the Question

A. He was a good Man

B. He was a fine moral example

C. He was a demented genius

D. He was a figment of the inflamed imagination of Paul

E. He never actually existed.

3. How Does The Bible Answer This Question?

A. Begin by calling witnesses

1. David

(Mat 22:43) "He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,"

2. Paul

(Rom 8:3) "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:"

(Rom 8:32) "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

3. Roman Centurion

(Mark 15:39) "And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God."

B. Note what God said.

(Mat 3:17) "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

(Mat 17:5) "While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

(Mark 9:7) "And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him."

(Luke 9:35) "And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him."

(2 Pet 1:17) "For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."