

Title: Who Do You Say I Am?
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Matthew 16: 13-17

... [Jesus] was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” **14**And they said, “Some say *John the Baptist*; and others, *Elijah*; but still others, *Jeremiah*, or one of the prophets.” **15**He said to *them*, “But who do *you* say that I am?” **16**Simon Peter answered, “You are the *Christ, the Son of the living God.*” **17**And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, *because flesh and blood* did not *reveal* this to you, *but My Father who is in heaven.*”

Christ= Messiah

Deliverer/Saviour

Save From Who?

Save From What?

Saviour – Implication is having the ability to overpower in the act of liberating or rescuing

There is no contest in terms of who is more powerful – Jesus or Satan

In Old Testament – Lord of Armies, Lord of Hosts

Demonstration of Jesus’s Overwhelming Power – Part 1

Mark 5

1They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes. **2**When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him, **3**and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain; **4**because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and *no one was strong enough to subdue him.*

5Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones. **6***Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him;* **7**and shouting with a loud voice, he said, “What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? *I implore You by God, do not torment me!*” **8**For He had been saying to him, “*Come out of the man,* you unclean spirit!”

9And He was asking him, “What is your name?” And he said to Him, “My name is *Legion;* for we are many.” **10**And *he began to implore Him earnestly not to send them out of the country.* **11**Now there was a large herd of swine feeding nearby on the mountain. **12***The demons* implored Him, saying, “Send us into the swine so that we may enter them.”

Mark 5: 13

Jesus *gave them permission.* And coming out, *the unclean spirits entered the swine;* and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about *two thousand of them;* and they were *drowned in the sea.*

14Their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and in the country. And *the people* came to see what it was that had happened.

15They came to Jesus and *observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the “legion”;* and they became frightened. **16**Those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and *all* about the swine. **17**And *they began to implore Him to leave their region.*

Jesus knew that the entire area would reject Him, but for Him making the journey to save that one man was worth it – and Jesus has made a *similar journey* for each of us here today – the cross.

Jesus’s Demonstration of Power - Part 2 - Jesus’ Triumph over Satan

Col 2:15

And having *disarmed the powers and authorities,* He made a *public spectacle of them, triumphing* over them by the *cross.*

Why The World Doesn’t See

2Cor 4:3

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, *it is veiled to those who are perishing,* **4** in whose case *the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving,* so that they *might not see* the light of the gospel of the *glory of Christ,* who is the image of God.

The Church's Continuing Role – & Our Individual Assignment

Eph 6:

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the *devil's* schemes. **12** *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil* in the heavenly realms.

The Power of our Testimony – Left Behind To Proclaim

Mark 5:

18 As He was getting into the boat, *the man who had been demon-possessed was imploring Him that he might accompany Him.*

19 And He *did not let him*, but He said to him, “*Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you.*” **20** And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and *everyone was amazed.*

Our Dazzling Reward

Rev 21:

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “*Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.*” **4** He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

7 *He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.*

What We Have To Overcome – Sin Neutralizes Our Testimony

Rev 21:

8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. **This is the second death.**”

Time of Warning, Repentance, Rededication

Hebrews 10:

26For *if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth*, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, **27**but a *terrifying expectation of judgment* and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. **28**Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses. **29**How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve *who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified,* and has *insulted the Spirit of grace?*