

Title: What Think Ye of Christ?

Scripture: Matthew 22:41-46

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**Matthew 22:41-46** *“While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.”*

In Matthew 16 Jesus asked his disciples in verse 13 a similar question to the one found in Matthew 22:42: *“When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?”* Peter responded in verse 16 with *“And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

### **What Think Ye of Christ?**

1. **The Unique Christ** – the word unique is used to say that something or someone is unlike anyone or anything else. It means being the only one. Christ was the only one who could bring salvation to a dead, separated, lost person. John 1:14 *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”* We all know that God cannot lie and he cannot commit sin. He is telling the truth and the truth is his son. Notice the uniqueness of Christ:
  - a. His birth was contrary to laws of life.
  - b. His death was contrary to the laws of death.
  - c. He had no carpet to walk on but walked on the Sea of Galilee.
  - d. When he died, few men mourned him but the sun lost its light and covered in darkness.
  - e. Men did not tremble at their sins at the cross but the earth shook.
  - f. Corruption could not take hold of his body. The grave could not hold him.

There is nothing or no one like Christ. There is NONE like him. He is the redeemer of sin-slaved sinners. He is there when moms, dads, spouses, or friends cannot be. He is the light in our times of darkness. He is the strength in our moments of weakness. Those who know him say just as Thomas did *“my Lord and my God.”*

2. **The Supremacy of Christ** – the word supremacy means to have authority. The power of someone. Christ never preached a funeral. Every time he was in attendance he raised them from the dead. Jesus proved over and over again that he could do what he claimed he said he could do. If you called out all the saints of God and asked them *“what think ye of Christ”* it would amaze all men. Matthew 18:28 says *“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”*
  - a. To the artist he is the altogether lovely
  - b. To the architect he is the chief cornerstone
  - c. To the baker he is the bread of life
  - d. To the builder he is the sure foundation
  - e. To the carpenter he is the door
  - f. To the doctor he is the great physician
  - g. To the farmer he is the lord of the harvest
  - h. To the florist he is the rose of Sharon and lily of valley
  - i. To the astronomer he is the bright and morning star

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- j. To the friendless he is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother
- k. To the jeweler he is the pearl of great price
- l. To the outcast he is the friend of sinners
- m. To the sculptor he is the living stone
- n. To the pilgrim he is the way
- o. To the thirsty he is the water of life
- p. To the weary he is the rest of our souls

He is no mere man. His authority has impressed the entire world. No other man has done this like Jesus. Jesus of Nazareth stands out to this whole world. He is the holiest among the holy. He is the mightiest among the mighty. If a man refuses him or if they claim he is just a mere man, get them to explain how he did what he did. If he is just a man, then refuse him. John 1:12 *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"* If he's man, refuse him. If he's God incarnate, choose him.

3. The Wonderful Christ: Isaiah 9:6 *"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."* His name shall be called wonderful, amazing, marvelous, astonishing. All of the fullness of God dwells in him but he took on the form of a servant. He was foretold by the prophets. He was conceived of by the Holy Ghost. He was announced by angels. He was worshipped by shepherds. He was adored by the wisemen.

What do you really think of Christ? Does it matter? Yes. It matters greatly. Your eternity depends on what you think of Christ.