

What Is Jesus To You?

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He Is Many Things

What is Jesus to you? You might answer that He is the Son of God (John 11:27), the only begotten Son of God (John 3:16), which makes Him deity, worthy of our allegiance and worship. You might answer that He is the Christ (Greek for “the anointed one”; the Hebrew word is *Messiah*, John 1:41), which makes Him the anointed One foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament (John 1:45). You might answer that He is our Savior (Luke 2:11), sent by God to live as a man and to die for our sins and to make possible our forgiveness, our salvation (1 John 4:9-10). You might answer that He is our Lord (Acts 2:36; John 20:28), having authority over us and having the right to command us (Matthew 28:18ft). You might answer that He is “*the apostle and high priest of our confession*” (Hebrews 3: 1), the One sent by the Father (John 20:21) and the one who offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins and who ever lives to make intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25-28). You might answer that He is “*the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls*” (1 Peter 2:25), the good Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep (John 10:11), the great Overseer who cares about our spiritual welfare.

He Is The Master Teacher

But somewhere along the line you must acknowledge that He is our Teacher, the one who was sent to speak the Father’s words and to do the Father’s will (John 14:24; 5:36). Over and over in the “**four gospels**” (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) He is called “*Teacher*.” Time and again we are told that He taught or went about teaching. His ministry was largely a ministry of teaching. His time with His apostles, His other disciples and the people was mostly given to teaching. So much of the four gospels (especially John) is given to accounts of His very words as He taught. His miracles were designed to confirm His claims and His message in general. He called upon men to hear His words and to do them (Matthew 7:24; 11:15; 13:9, 43; etc.). The Father said, “*Hear ye Him*” (Matthew 17:5). We are warned against failure to hearken unto Him (Acts 3:22-23). God speaks to us today, “*in these last days*,” through Him (Hebrews 1:1-2).

The Apostles Preeminently Teachers Of His Word

From among His first disciples Jesus selected the twelve apostles. Through most of His ministry He trained them — especially by teaching them. The words the Father gave Him, He gave them (John 17:7-8). The Holy Spirit was to come upon them (1) to bring to their remembrance all that Jesus had taught them, and (2) to teach them all things (John 14:25-26) or to guide them into all the truth (John 16:12-13). As the Father had sent Him, so He sent them (John 20:21). They were to teach all the nations what He had taught them (Matthew 28:19), to preach the gospel to every person in all the world (Mark 16:15-16). The apostles, along with the prophets referred to in the New Testament, were preeminently teachers, delivering orally and then in writing, the words of Christ for all people then and all people until the end of time.

Jesus Came To Do The Father’s Will

Jesus came to do the Father’s will, that is, to do the things that the Father sent Him to do. So He came to do God’s will for Him.

“For I am come down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me” (John 6:38).
“Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to accomplish His work” (John 4:34).

“We must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night (the night of death, BC) cometh, when no man can work” (John 9:4).

“And He that sent Me is with Me; He hath not left Me alone; for I do always the things that are

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