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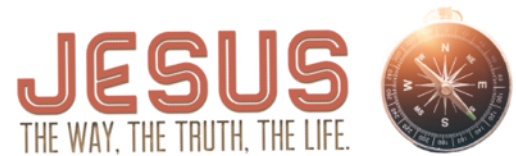


Who is Jesus to you?

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Matthew 16:13-17



Everybody Else

- John the Baptist – Herod thought so
- Elijah – Malachi 4:5,6; Matt. 11:14
 - Jeremiah – weeping prophet
 - One of the prophets - honor



The Question

But who do YOU
say that I am?

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Their Recognition

- *The Christ* – The Messiah, The Anointed of God (OT)

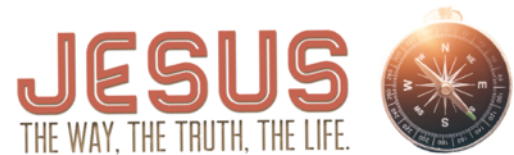
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The Recognition

- *The Son of the Living God* –
eminence, source of life, not an
idol

Joshua 3:10, I Samuel 17:26,36 & Jeremiah
10:9,10

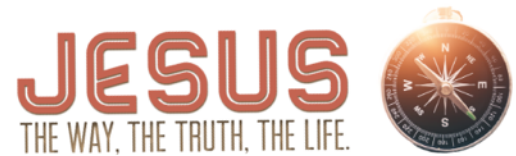


Perception VS Reality

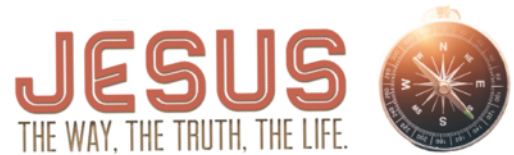
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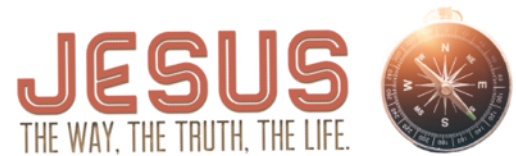
The Jews expected
power, authority and
splendor as a king which
Jesus did not match



The disciples saw His
lowly state but were
redirected by the Spirit of
God – No sign needed



This redirection came
from THE Father!



...how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

Ephesians 3:3-5



At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. Matthew 11:25-27



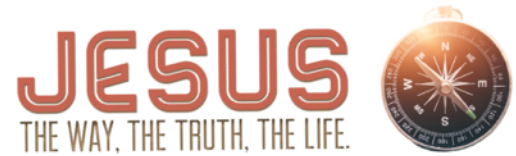
But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
nor have entered into the heart of man

The things which God has prepared for those who
love Him." But God has revealed them to us through
His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the
deep things of God. For what man knows the things
of a man except the spirit of the man which is in
him? Even so no one knows the things of God except
the Spirit of God.

I Corinthians 2:9-11

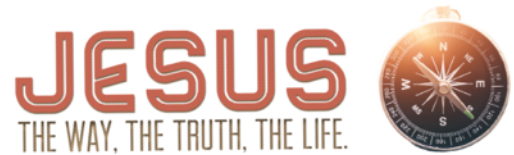


Knowledge is helpful,
but the Spirit puts it
together



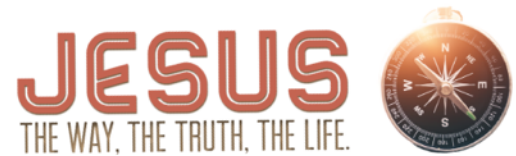
We may struggle with who Jesus is because:

- we try to fit Him into our bubble.
- the expectations we have don't match.
- He is simply not what we are looking for.

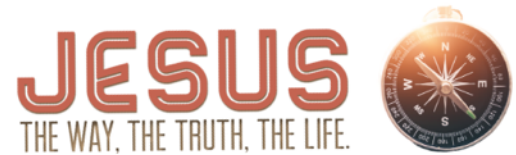


Accepting Jesus as He is will require us to:

- see things differently.
- decrease so He can increase.
- accept we aren't all we think we are.



Ultimately, we want
Jesus to change so we
don't have to.



Who is Jesus to you?

A quick reference

Your buddy

Your Savior

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Questions to Ponder

1. Who is Jesus to you?
2. Who is defining Him for you – the world or are you digging deep while allowing the Spirit to guide you?

