

Great Encounters in the Life of Christ Series

Jesus asks the Most Critical Questions

Matt 16: 13 – 16, Mark 8: 27 – 29, Luke 9: 8 – 20

1. Who do _____ say that the Son of Man is? (13 - 14)

2. Who do _____ say that I Am?" (15 - 16)

Application Points

1. _____ that focuses on _____ practices and the _____ of _____ gods is not new.
2. Jesus referred to Himself as being the Son of Man _____ times! A _____ reference to his _____ . *Remember Daniel 7:13-14!*
3. _____, people have _____ Jesus as the Son of Man – the _____ .
4. THE most _____ question that _____ of us must answer is “Who do you say that I am?”
5. Have you ever taken the step to _____ in Jesus Christ _____ for your _____ ?

The Lewis Trilemma

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. ... Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that He was and is God.

C.S. Lewis, [Mere Christianity](#), Book II, Chapter 3, "The shocking alternative." (In some editions pages 54 – 56)

