

Who Is This Jesus?

Scripture:

Romans 1:1-6

Introduction

For almost 2,000 years he has been the central character of human history. His life had the most profound influence on humanity of any other man who ever lived. Although others have been raised from the dead, his resurrection is unique in that only he possessed a glorified body.

I. Who he was in human form

Romans 1:1-6 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called [to be] an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, 2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) 3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; 4 And declared [to be] the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: 5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: 6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

- A. Declared to be the Son of God
 - 1. Greek "horisthentos" means to characterize with precision, to set forth distinctively
 - a. Much like detailing in a blueprint
 - b. Drawing a precise rendering or picture
 - 2. Shown to be the Son of God
- B. Shown to have supernatural, miraculous ability
 - 1. Greek "dunamei" means power, ability
 - 2. His miracles attest to his identity
- C. His resurrection validates his claim to be the Son of God

II. Who he was before time, now is and will be

Revelation 1:12-18 NIV I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand were seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

- A. He is the **only** light in darkness
- B. He holds your life in his hand
 - 1. He is the key to your deliverance from your past
 - 2. He is the key to your success
 - 3. He is the key to your future
- C. He holds the keys to death and hell

III. Oh yeah!! Well, so what?

Romans 1:6 NIV And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

Matthew 18:5 NIV And he said, I tell you the truth, **unless you change** and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

- A. Only Jesus possesses the power to change your life forever
 - 1. No twelve step program will do it
 - 2. Human philosophy will not do it
 - 3. Psychology will not do it

4. Your own will cannot do it
- B. Only Jesus can set you free from the bondage and hurts of your past
- C. How can I participate in this life change?
 1. Make Jesus the Lord in your life
 2. Set your will to be the person He wants you to be
 3. Learn the benefits of obedience
 4. Cooperate with the changes He wants to make in you