

# THE MAN, JESUS OF NAZARETH

SCRIPTURE: MARK 6:1-3  
ACTS 4:12  
HEBREWS 3:1

## INTRODUCTION

FOR CENTURIES) MEN HAVE PONDERED THE MAN, JESUS OF NAZARETH. THEY HAVE WONDERED, IS HE ONLY A MAN? IS HE GOD? WAS HE ONLY A PROPHET?

THESE QUESTIONS HAVE ABOUNDED FROM THE BEGINNING. JESUS HAS ALWAYS REQUIRED A CONSCIOUS CHOICE CONCERNING WHO HE IS AND WHAT HIS PLACE IN OUR LIVES WILL BE.

## I. THE CONTROVERSARY CONCERNING JESUS OF NAZARETH

**MARK 6:2B NIV WHERE DID THIS MAN GET THESE THINGS?** THEY ASKED. WHAT'S THIS WISDOM THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN HIM? THAT HE EVEN DOES MIRACLES!

**LUKE 11:20 NIV** BUT IF I DRIVE OUT DEMONS BY THE FINGER OF GOD, THEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME TO YOU.

- A. By WHAT POWER DID JESUS DO HIS MIRACLES
- B. ON WHOSE AUTHORITY WAS JESUS SENT INTO THE WORLD
- C. WAS HE THE SON OF GOD
- D. IS HE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

## II. THE CONSENSUS CONCERNING JESUS OF NAZARETH

**MARK 6:3 NIV** ISN'T THIS THE CARPENTER? ISN'T THIS MARY'S SON AND THE BROTHER OF JAMES, JOSES, JUDAS AND SIMON? AREN'T HIS SISTERS HERE WITH US? AND THEY TOOK OFFENSE AT HIM.

- A. THE CONSENSUS IN JESUS' TIME
  - 1. HE'S JUST A CARPENTER
  - 2. WE KNOW HIS FAMILY
  - 3. WE DON'T UNDERSTAND HIS POWER
- B. THE CONSENSUS IN OUR TIME
  - 1. HE WAS A GOOD MAN

- 2. HE MAY HAVE BEEN A PROPHET
- 3. HE MAY HAVE DONE MIRACLES
- 4. WE DON'T NEED HIM TO SAVE US

## III. THE QUESTION CONCERNING JESUS OF NAZARETH

**MATTHEW 27:22 NIV** "WHAT SHALL I DO, THEN, WITH JESUS WHO IS CALLED CHRIST?" PILATE ASKED.

- A. You HAVE TO MAKE YOUR OWN DECISION
  - 1. WHO WAS JESUS OF NAZARETH
  - 2. WAS HE REAL OR A PHONY
  - 3. WAS HE THE SON OF GOD
  - 4. IS HE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD
- B. You MUST ACT ON YOUR DECISION
  - 1. You MUST ACCEPT OR REJECT HIM
  - 2. You MUST RECEIVE HIM BY PERSONAL INVITATION