

The Saviour – Confessed.

This week – We learn the answer to the Lord’s question – “Who am I?” What is our answer?

Jesus said: “Whom say ye that I am?”
Simon Peter answered: “Thou art the Christ,
the Son of the living God.” Matthew 16v15-16.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Matthew 16v13-28 (Jesus Christ, the Son of God)	
Monday	Isaiah 7v14-16, 9v6-7 (Isaiah prophesied Christ’s birth)	
Tuesday	Isaiah 53v1-13 (Isaiah prophesied Christ’s death)	
Wednesday	Matthew 4v1-12 (Satan tries to divert Christ from the cross)	
Thursday	Matthew 4v13-25 (The calling of Peter, James, and John)	
Friday	John 3 (John recognises Christ as the Lamb of God)	
Saturday	Matthew 15 v1-14 (Hypocritical Pharisees)	

Important Lesson for us Today How did Peter know that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God? Immanuel, God with us. God placed this belief within his soul, and mind. *‘Flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but My Father which is in Heaven.’* Matthew 16v17. Faith to believe is the free gift from God and is given to us by the Holy Spirit. By nature, we are spiritually dead, so it is impossible for us to generate faith within ourselves. We must seek it from God and then exercise it. Faith leads us to repentance, and our acceptance that the Eternal, Holy God created all things by the Word of His Power, and that He has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. It brings us to humbly repent and believe in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord.

Hymn 219 – O, to be able to sing the wondrous story of the Christ Who died to save me, a sinner!

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| 1. I will sing the wondrous story,
Of the Christ Who died for me;
How He left His home in glory,
For the cross on Calvary.
I was lost, but Jesus found me –
Found the sheep that went astray;
Threw His loving arms around me,
Drew me back into His way. | 2. I was bruised; but Jesus healed me -
Faint was I from many a fall;
Sight was gone, and fears possessed me:
But He freed me from them all.
Days of darkness still come o’er me;
Sorrow’s paths I often tread:
But the Saviour still is with me,
By His hand I’m safely led. |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

The Saviour Confessed – Peter’s Answer at Caesarea.

o **Setting the scene for our lesson today. The places: -**

- **Bethlehem** – Where Christ was born to the virgin Mary as foretold. Micah 5v2. King Herod sought to kill Him, so they fled to Egypt for safety, and He was brought back as a boy to Nazareth after Herod’s death. Matthew 2v12-14.
- **Galilee** – Nazareth, where the Lord grew up. Aged 30 He started His ministry.
 - The people were glad to walk miles to witness His Miracles, and to hear His Teaching of forgiveness of sin. He exposed the hypocrisy of the Scribes and Pharisees.
- **Caesarea Philippi** - The Lord asked His disciples, *“Who do men say that I am?”*
 - Some people thought He was John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah.
 - Today, some will say, ‘He was a good man, a good example’, others ‘He was weak’.

o **A Question we all need to answer. “Who do you say that I am?”**

- **Peter’s Reply**, *“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”* Matthew 16v16. *Are we convinced of the true answer to this important question?*

o **How did the Early Christian Church start?**

- **God’s truth was the starting point. “Upon this rock will I build My Church”.** Matt 16v18
 - **Not upon Peter**, but upon this certain Rock of truth when he recognised Christ as God, The Saviour. Jesus promised, *“The ‘gates of Hell’ shall not prevail against it”.* v18.
 - 2 thousand years later, despite all the opposition and persecution, we realise how true these words are. Millions across the world have trusted in Christ as Saviour.
- **The Keys of the Kingdom.** We are entrusted to Preach the Gospel to the whole world. The Gospel; Christ (Perfect God, and Man), died to take the punishment for our sin.
- **Starting at Jerusalem.** It would take over 3 years until The Day of Pentecost. Acts 2.
 - **The Disciple’s Plan.** They wanted important positions in God’s Kingdom on earth.
 - **The Saviour’s Plan** was to teach them that He must die on the cross to save sinners. Peter strongly objected to this. The Lord said, *“Get thee behind Me, Satan.”* Matt 16v23.
 - **God’s Eternal Plan.** To save a People to Himself by paying their sin-debt. Isaiah 53.
 - **Satan’s Plan.** To stop the Lord from dying on the cross to save sinners – you and me.
 - **A Chosen Plan.** The Saviour knew all that would happen to Him, and, out of His love for us, He allowed Himself to be taken, beaten, mocked, and crucified on Calvary. *Much more, He gladly and willingly took the Fathers’ eternal wrath for our sin.*
 - **A Plan to Follow.** The Lord told His disciples that they must forget themselves and their selfish ambitions and be prepared *“to take up their cross and follow Him.”* v24 The Lord was set to save a People to Himself by paying their sin-debt. Isaiah 53v5.

Are you prepared to repent and believe in the Saviour, and follow Him on these terms? The disciples did and were not disappointed. They experienced forgiveness and were used to establish the New Testament Church under the direction of God The Holy Spirit. Acts 2.

Then said Jesus unto His disciples, *‘If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it.’*
Matthew 16v24-25.