

“The Most Important Question We’ll Ever Have to Answer”

Matthew 16.13-17

Thank Parents for letting us teach their kids about Jesus...

Caesarea Philippi- Explain background, pictures.

Jesus DELIBERATELY put them in the context of paganism.

CONTRASTED environment... **OUR WORLD TODAY** is confused with false religion

Jesus calls Himself, **“Son of Man”**- **NOT THE SUN SCHOOL JESUS**

John the Baptist- confronted Highest authorities. REPENTANCE not blood

Elijah- prophet of miracles; called fire down to destroy enemies; confronts kings; raises people from the dead; demonstrated God’s power.

Jeremiah- weeping prophet; Jesus was compassionate to those in need. He wept.

Other Prophets- Jesus was a master teacher who proclaimed God’s Word.

CONFUSION IN OUR WORLD Today about Jesus...

Islam Judaism Hinduism World- nice guy

Liar, Lord, or Lunatic- C.S. Lewis EXPLAIN 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.”

GOSPEL MESSAGE- Stone rejected becomes chief.