

# “REDISCOVERING OUR FOUNDATIONS”

Matthew

16:13-17

Good Man, Mad Man

Con Man,  
or God-Man?



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"We don't preach Christ with a comma after his name as though waiting for something else. We don't preach Christ with a dash after his name as though leading to something else, we preach Christ period."

# A. The Buzz Around Town

Seven Opinions in the New Testament

as to who Jesus was

1. John the Baptist

2. Elijah

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3. A Prophet Like Jeremiah

4. An Illegitimate Child (John 8:41)

5. A Good Man (John 7:12)

## A. The Buzz Around Town

6. A Deceiver (John 7:12, Matt. 27:63)

7.A Madman (John 7:20)

## B. The Claims of Jesus Himself

Jesus made such incredible claims no one made,  
Confucius never claimed to be God.

Buddha never said, “I am the only way, the truth, and  
the life.”

Mohammed and the others never made the kind of  
claims that Jesus made

## B. The Claims of Jesus Himself

C. S. Lewis

“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said wouldn't be a great moral teacher.

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He'd either be a lunatic on the level of a man who says he's a poached egg or else he'd 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."



## B. The Claims of Jesus Himself

1. To the Samaritan woman he said, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again. But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst."
2. To the crowds in John 6, Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Anyone who eats of this will live forever."

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3. To the leaders in John 8, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness."

4. In John 8, again to the leaders, "I am from above, you are from below. I am not of this world."

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5. In the same chapter, "Before Abraham existed (or was) I existed (or I Am)."
6. In John 10 he said, "I am the door, those who come in through me will be saved."

## B. The Claims of Jesus Himself

7. John 11, "I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, yet shall he live."

8. John 14, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

## B. The Claims of Jesus Himself

9. Same chapter He said to Phillip he said, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."

10 John 18 to Pontius Pilate he said, "You say that I am a king and you're right. For this reason, for this purpose I was born.".

## B. The Claims of Jesus Himself

11. He says he's the quencher of thirst, satisfier of hunger, light of the world, that he's from heaven, that he predates Abraham, that he's the door of salvation, that he's the exact representation of his Father and that he is the king.

## B. The Claims of Jesus Himself

12. Oh, thousands of people, millions of people for thousands of years have trusted in

Jesus Christ and they have a uniform testimony that he **changes** their lives and **forgives** their sins

## II. The Essentiality of Jesus

1. Vs. 15 "But who do you say that I am?"
2. John chapter 8, Jesus said, "For if you do not believe that I am he, you will die in your sins."



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3. John chapter 3, "He who believes in him is not condemned, he who does not believe is condemned already because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

4. Who is Jesus Christ to you?