

## **Whom Do Men Say I, the Son of Man Am; But Whom Do You Say I Am?**

### **Introduction**

I only know of one figure in history that has ever said, “**I AM** born to die for you”; but not just for you alone, but for the whole world?

Generally, men just take from each other by bullying, stealing, killing, and destroying! So, when someone appears on the scene that declares, “**I AM** born to die for you”, one would think that such an herald would get everybody’s attention, or at least make them curious!

Wow! Here is someone, I did not know, that says their life’s ambition is to die for me! I do not know what your question(s) would be, but mine is, “What gives; Why do you think I need someone to die for me; and more importantly, Why are you volunteering?”

The Apostle Paul answered the question(s) this way:

**Rom 5:6** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ (*Jesus*) died for the ungodly (**Rom 3:23 and Rom 5:12**).

**Rom 5:7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

**Rom 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ (*Jesus*) died for us.

*Now, every other so called, “spiritual head/ power/ deity” I know of in the world demands something of their fellow beings: and the demand could be anything from some spiritual level you must attain on your part through human effort, the giving of something you possess; to something you must make others do, and/ or “die for the cause”! In others words all of the effort and risk is on your shoulders, or on your part; and none of the risk is on the “spiritual power”. Is not this so? Think of all the religions around the world! Consequently many, many people are eternally destroyed for a lack of knowledge. What say you?*

*But this is not the case with the God of Creation; the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has taken all of the risk “and death” upon His shoulders, and your part is to “only believe”. (John 10:2 through 10:14 and Heb 13:20)*

**Rom 5:9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood (*the blood of Jesus*), we shall be saved from wrath through him (*Jesus*).

**Rom 5:10** For if, when we were enemies (*of God*), we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son (*Jesus*), much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

**Rom 5:11** And not only (*is this so*), but we (*who believe*) also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement (*forgiveness of sin against God first, then our fellow man?*).

*The God of Creation is saying through Christ Jesus, to the whole world: someone needs to die for you else you are doomed to wrath. But I, God only accept Jesus to fit the purpose, according to John 3:16 ...*

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

### Jesus Asked This Question of His Followers:

Mat 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?**

Mat 16:14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

Mat 16:15 He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?**

*And so the question is to each of us to answer for our self;*

But who do you say Jesus is? I am convinced this is a question everyone breathing would be trying to settle in their living, if they knew anything at all about what God wants them to know!

And whether this truth is believed, or not believed; it is the most important question anyone may ever respond to, or not respond to! Because this is “the question” that **can** lead one to search out and gain eternal life; if in their search they accept the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, alone.

But not ever responding to the question leads to lasting death, for certain!

*Peter is given revelation from above of who Jesus is. And it may have gone to his head?*

Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**

Mat 16:18 **And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock (of revelation) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (my church, nor the revelation of Peter).**

Mat 16:19 **And I will give unto thee (Peter) the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound (have authority/ have weight) in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed (have authority/ have weight) in heaven.**

*Jesus did not want His disciples to tell anyone who He was. Perhaps He was concerned about their safety?? I know of no Scripture that say the reason for sure.*

Mat 16:20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

Mat 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

*Jesus says to all of His followers, if you do it your way, you will loose your life. But if you follow my lead you will save your life!*

Mat 16:22 Then Peter took him (*Jesus*), and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

Mat 16:23 But he (*Jesus*) turned, and said unto Peter, **Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest (*honor*) not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**

Mat 16:24 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.**

Mat 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Mat 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mat 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works (*as explained, or according to Matt 16:24 and 16:25 above*).

=====More Bible Texts of Who Jesus Is=====

*So Let Us Just Examine Some Other Bible Texts That Shed Light On the Answer to This So Very Important Life Saving, Life Giving Question:*

Mat 16:28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom. (*In other words, Jesus was intending to show certain of his disciples his appearance in all of his glory!*)

Mat 17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

Mat 17:2 And (*Jesus*) was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Mat 17:3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias (*or Elijah*) talking with him.

Mat 17:4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. (*So at this time even Peter did not have all the facts of the purpose of Jesus, and His mission*). (*Matthew 16:20 through 16:27*)

Mat 17:5 While he (*Peter*) yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. (*You know how, in a conversation someone might be speaking, and another someone disagree with what is being said, and cut the speaker off before he can finish his thought? Well this is what God the Father did while “Peter yet spake”*).

*Moses and Elijah were deserving of respect for their willing part in the plan and purpose of God, but putting up a tabernacle along side that of Jesus would be improper! Why?*

*Jesus was with the Father in the beginning!*

*The reason is because God said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”. These two men (Moses and Elijah), although deserving of great respect, were not with*

*the Father from the beginning (from eternity past)! This is who Jesus is, the Son of God; with God the Father in the beginning!*

**Joh 1:1** In the beginning was the Word (*Son of God, Jesus*) , and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (*The only distinction is the role of the FATHER verses the role of the SON, and in the case of the Holy Spirit; the role of the HOLY SPIRIT*).

**Joh 1:2** The same (*God, the Word, Son of God, Jesus*) was in the beginning with God.

**Joh 1:3** All things were made by him (*God, the Word, Son of God, Jesus*); and without him was not any thing made that was made (*nothing exists, except he created it!*) .

**Joh 1:4** In him was life; and the life was the light of men (*without life there can be no awareness, no light, no presence of mind*).

**Joh 1:5** And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not (*And even though the light/ truth of God, Jesus, are made available for darkness to see, the darkness, unrepentant and disobedient to God, fails to comprehend*).

**Joh 1:6** There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John (*the Baptist*).

**Joh 1:7** The same (*John the Baptist*) came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light (*Jesus, truth*), that all *men* through him (*the Light, Jesus, truth*) might believe (*the things, the wonders of God*) .

**Joh 1:8** He (*John the Baptist*) was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

**Joh 1:9** *That* was the true Light, which lighteth (*put awareness in*) every (*one*)/ man that cometh into the world (*and the world's way of behavior, which is disobedient to God*).

**Joh 1:10** He (*God, Son of God, Jesus*) was in the world, and the world (*world society and the earth*) was made by him, and the world knew him not (*because the mind of the world became blinded as described by ...*

**2Corinthians 4:4** - In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

*(You should consider that God set up the first society, but he did not set it up, "disobedient to Him, but He knew it would be"; Satan instigated more of that disobedience as time progressed through the centuries!)*

**Joh 1:11** He came unto his own (*the Jewish Nation*), and his own received him not.

**Joh 1:12** But as many as received him (*Jesus*), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name (*Jesus*):

**Joh 1:13** Which (*name, Jesus*) were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God (*He was made flesh, but was not conceived according to the natural means of sinful flesh, but the Spirit of God that created all things "In the beginning ..."* *commanded manifestation of Him, God the Son, in human flesh. Read Hebrews 1:5 - For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? This is the only time he was born, but he was never created. Paul also says Jesus is firstborn from the dead - Col 1:18*).

- Joh 1:14** And the Word (*God, Son of God*) was made flesh (*Jesus*), and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- Joh 1:15** John (*the Baptist*) bare witness of him (*Jesus*), and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.
- Joh 1:16** And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace (*it is by grace and grace alone that we receive of him. There is nothing we can do to deserve Him*).
- Joh 1:17** For the law was given by Moses (*the children of Israel were commanded to perform/ conduct/ keep the law, which they could not do, perfectly. Thus, their salvation must come by Jesus also*), *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ (*and believing in him and his finish works of death, burial, and resurrection for our redemption/ salvation from sin is what's required of us to please God*) .
- Joh 1:18** No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son (*Jesus*), which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him (God)*.
- Joh 1:19** And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? (*Because, remember they thought John the Baptist may have been Messiah when he first begin to preach "baptism unto repentance"*)

#### ***Jesus is Our Eternal High Priest and Tabernacle:***

- Heb 5:1** For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he (*the high priest*) may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:
- Heb 5:2** Who (*the high priest*) can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way (*the stranger of Israel?*); for that he himself (*high priest taken from among men*) also is compassed with infirmity.
- Heb 5:3** And by (*or for this*) reason hereof he (*the high priest*) ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer (*sacrifice*) for sins.
- Heb 5:4** And no man taketh (*or bestow*) this honour unto (*upon*) himself, but he that is called of God, as *was* Aaron (*the first Old Testament high priest*).
- Heb 5:5** So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he (*God the Father*) that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.
- Heb 5:6** As he (*God the Father*) saith also in another *place*, Thou (*Jesus*) *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec (*No one of Abraham's generation knew when Melchisedec came to be. Some Bible experts today say he, Melchisedec, lived before the flood, which implies he was Noah, or one of his sons. But all things are possible with God; whether Noah, one of his sons, or someone else even unto the incarnate Jesus. Read Genesis 14:18; Psalms 110:4*).
- Heb 5:7** (*Jesus*) Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him (*God the Father*) that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he (*Jesus*) feared (*obeyed*);
- Heb 5:8** Though he (*Jesus*) were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;
- Heb 5:9** And being made perfect, he (*Jesus*) became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey (*and believe*) him;

Heb 5:10 Called of God (*the Father*) an high priest after the order of Melchisedec (*that is The Eternal Priest*).

Heb 5:11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing (*or refuse to believe*).

Heb 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Heb 5:13 For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

*(Also read the article on My Website with the link identified below. The title of the article is, "Believing Jesus but not Zealous for Him 2").*

#### *What did Jesus say about Himself?*

*There are those that say of Jesus in his 3 ½ years of ministry, "Oh yes! Jesus was definitely a prophet" but then selectively believe and declare which of his prophetic duties are true! If he is indeed a prophet, then all of his prophetic duties are true by definition of a "prophet"!*

[Joh 8:58](#) Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.** *(As a prophet, he just confirmed himself to be God. Read Exodus 3:14!)*

[Exo 3:14](#) And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath **sent** me (*Moses*) unto you.

#### *What did Jesus say when the high priest at Jerusalem questioned Him?*

[Mat 26:63](#) But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the **living God**, that thou tell us whether thou be the **Christ**, the **Son of God**. *(The high priest knew that when he asked Jesus in this manner, "I adjure thee by the living God" which ever answer Jesus gave, "Yes, or No" condemned him to be no more threat to him. Therefore, I believe the high priest considered he had triumphed over Jesus! But we also know today the high priest, "miscalculated"!*

[Mat 26:64](#) Jesus saith unto him, **Thou hast said: nevertheless (or even thou you do not believe it) I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.**

[Mat 26:65](#) Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. *(Why do you suppose the high priest tried to shred his clothes? It is because he chose not to believe in spite of the miracles he knew Jesus did, and he was perhaps witnessed to some himself. The high priest renting his clothes was customary behavior to demonstrate his disdain for what he considered the blasphemy of Jesus, claiming to be God.)*

*And so the question is to each of us to answer for ones self; Who do you say Jesus is?*

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