

“Jesus Christ, Son of God” (I)

Who was/is Jesus of Nazareth? How we answer this question will help determine where we will be in eternity. (Jn.8:24) Some say that Christ was simply a great prophet, and a good man, nothing more. Some say he was Michael the Archangel. Still others say he was a magician and charlatan that duped the people into believing he was from God. But, what does the Bible and common sense say? The fact is, if Jesus was not who he said he was, then he was a liar. If he was a good person and did not tell the truth about himself, then he was not a good person. A man who would mislead and lie to thousands is not a good person. Jesus was/is who he claimed to be. What does the Bible affirm about the identity of Christ? Matthew called him the “savior”. (Matt. 1:21) Mark called him the “son of God”. (Mk. 1:1) Gabriel called him “the son of the Highest”. (Luke 1:32) John called him the “Word”. (Jn. 1:1-3) Peter confessed that Jesus was the “son of the living God”. (Mt. 16:18) The Father called him “my beloved Son”. (Mt. 17) Yet, even with all of these statements about Christ, some will still say, “Christ never called himself the Son of God”. To make a statement such as this is to ignore the Bible. When asked by the woman at the well about his being the Messiah, Jesus affirmed that he was.(Jn. 4:25-26) Jesus clearly informs the once blind man, that he (Jesus) was the son of God.(Jn. 9:35-38) When asked by the high priest if he was “the Christ, the son of the Blessed”, Jesus plainly and forthrightly says, “I am”.(Mk. 14:61-62) In next week’s article, we will point out that Jesus is the “Word” the second person in the Godhead and of the very nature of the Father.