

THE ULTIMATE QUESTION & BLESSED CONFESSION
WHO DO YOU SAY THAT JESUS IS AND WHY?
Matthew 16:13-17

I. THE ULTIMATE QUESTION: Jesus, at a crucial turning point in His ministry, questions His disciples concerning His true identity: ‘In light of what the multitudes think, who do you say that I am?’ (13-15)

A. The context (13a)

B. **Jesus solicits His disciple’s opinion of who the multitudes say that He is** and they reveal the Jews basically believe Jesus is from God, but do not attribute deity to Him. (13b-14)

C. **Jesus gets to the point: “but who you say that I am?” (15)**

II. THE RIGHT CONFESSION: Peters answers confessing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of living God (16)

A. **Jesus is the Messiah** (the prophesied Redeemer King) **(16a)**

B. **Jesus, the Son of Man is the Son of God** (Fully human, fully divine) **(16b)**

III. JESUS’ RESULTING DECLARATION OF BLESSEDNESS: Peter you are blessed because this revelation concerning Me Whom you confess did not come from man but from God and you believe it! (17)

Next week (Lord willing)

IV. IMPLICATIONS OF HIS GENUINE CONFESSION OF FAITH (18-20)