

Who Do You Say That I Am?



Matthew 16:13-20

Nathanael

- John 1:43-51 (ESV) 43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

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- Philip said to him, "Come and see."
- Philip does exactly the right thing.
 - He doesn't try to convince him, telling him what he's seen and heard.
 - He takes him to Jesus.
- And this is what each of us must do
 - You've heard things from family
 - You've heard things in church
 - You've heard things from preachers and teachers
 - You've heard things from friends
 - You've read and watch the media
- I suggest you go to Jesus himself
 - It's not easy
 - Worth it

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John 1:48

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- What completely changed Nathanael’s mind?
 - Talking with Jesus
 - Listening to Jesus
- Nathanael eventually becomes one of Jesus’ apostles
- He had chosen his allegiance by saying these words.

Nathanael

Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe?"

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- These are not bad guess ... they are not random

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- The people were really debating who Jesus is ...
 - not that everyone had heard everything he said, nor seen all he had done ...
 - undoubtedly there were rumors and misinformation too.
- Comparing him with the Messianic passages in the Scriptures ... at least some of them
- John 1:19-21: They asked John the Baptist ... “I am not the Christ ... Elijah ... the prophet”
- Matthew 11: 2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”
- John 7:40-52 (ESV)
 - 40 When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.”
 - 41 Others said, “This is the Christ.”
 - But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee?”
 - 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?”
 - 43 So there was a division among the people over him.
 - 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

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 - (Like being just told: Philip to Nathanael)
 - but my Father who is in heaven.
 - Fulfilled prophecy
 - Amazing words
 - Signs
- Peter has made a choice
 - Peter is more than just stating facts.
 - Peter is saying more than just who Jesus is.
 - He has decided that he will trust in Jesus, follow him
 - He has given his allegiance to Jesus.

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- Nathanael and Peter are confessing.
 - But this is much more than just saying words.

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Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven

Matthew 7:21

- Matthew 7:21-23 (ESV) 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

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 - Jesus came talking ... helping us to understand our relationship with him.
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- 9 because,
 - if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and
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- 11 For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will **not be put to shame.**”
 - 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is **Lord of all,**
 - **bestowing his riches** on all who call on him.
 - 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be **saved.**”

Peter

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Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!”

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- 35 Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.
- Matthew 26:75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

Peter

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

Acts 2:32

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Acts 2:36

- Acts 2:22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—
- 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.
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- 36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”
- 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Who do you say that Jesus is?

- Matthew 16:15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”