

Questions Jesus Asked



Introduction:

- The city of Cleveland has been blessed this year to be home to the world champion Cavaliers...AND the contending World Series Champion Indians! The 52-year curse is lifted! Now, "Let's go, Tribe!"
- Did you know God wants to bless you? God has provided a way for The Curse to be lifted so He can shower your life with His blessing, favor, fortune and goodness.
- This morning, you are here for the final message of this series. And we've saved the most important question Jesus asked for today! Through this question to the disciples, we will discover what it takes to receive the blessing of God.

Caesarea Philippi –

The responses given by the people are complimentary but woefully _____!

Peter's _____ to Jesus' Question

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!" (Matthew 16:16)

Christ –

Son of the Living God –

The _____ of Peter's Acknowledgement

"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven" (v. 17).

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about [Jesus], "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would 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. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

– C.S. Lewis, **Mere Christianity**

**If Jesus isn't credible _____ all,
He isn't credible _____ all!**

Conclusion:

Who do **YOU** say Jesus is?

If you want God's blessing, like Peter, you must declare that Jesus is

_____.