

# WOULD THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP?

## These Things We Believe – Part Four

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*When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. Mt 16:13-17 (NIV)*

### Early heresies about Jesus:

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### **APOSTLES' CREED**

*...I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead....*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Jn 1:14 (NIV)*

*For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; Col 2:9 (NKJV)*

**JESUS CHRIST IS THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

## **WHY I NEED THE TRUE JESUS**

### **1. I need His \_\_\_\_\_**

*The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we*

*sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. Ro 8:3 (NLT)*

*For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. 2 Co 5:21 (NLT)*

*There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved." Ac 4:12 (NLT)*

## **2. I need His \_\_\_\_\_**

*Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. Php 2:6-7 (NLT)*

*So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. Heb 4:14-16 (NLT)*

## **3. I need His \_\_\_\_\_**

*So there is now no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life-giving Spirit—and this power is mine through Christ Jesus—has freed me from the vicious circle of sin and death. Ro 8:1-2 (The Living Bible)*

*By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him... 2 Pe 1:3 (NLT)*

## **4. I need His \_\_\_\_\_**

*Christ gives meaning to your life... Colossians 3:4a (CEV)*

*The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. Jn 10:10 (NLT)*

*God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. Eph 1:5 (NLT)*

### **LAST THOUGHT:**

*Only Jesus the God-Man could \_\_\_\_\_ between God and man.*

### **RESOURCE:**

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