

January 30, 2018

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Matthew 16:15 (NKJV)

The question Jesus asked of His disciples is a question that every person in every generation has had to answer since it was first asked. Who is Jesus? Scholars and others have tried to relegate Him to the category of a man who was a great moral teacher. C.S. Lewis rightly proclaims in his book, "Mere Christianity", that this is not a valid option. Lewis wrote:

" 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 a 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."

Who is Jesus? The answer to this question is something each person must decide for themselves. But people cannot be left to themselves to reach their decision regarding the identity of Jesus. They must hear the truth of the Gospel spoken in love. Because those of us who have received the truth of Jesus' identity, that He is the Son of God, know that more is at stake than winning this "argument" or a return to a moral society. What's at stake? The eternal well-being of the unnumbered masses who will stand before the Lord in judgment and hear the words, "Depart from Me. I never knew you." The anonymity of who these people might be may leave us unconcerned. However, we should all be aware that included in those masses may be our sons and daughters, our brothers and sisters, our parents, friends, and acquaintances whom we have left to make their decision on the question of Jesus' identity with incomplete information. We have left them uninformed by being silent on the subject.

Who is Jesus? It is still the most important question ever asked that demands an answer. There is only one true answer. And it is those of us who have realized the truth and, like Peter, have declared, "**You are the Christ. The Son of the Living God.**" (Matt 16:16), who must share the truth not just with those we know but with everyone for the world will never disclose this truth to them; it is up to us. "**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**" (John 3:16). Will you share this truth with someone today?

We are completing preparations for the Mission to Mardi Gras. We have close to forty men who will be involved this year in sharing the message of love and mercy that is inherent in the Gospel message. We will serve our Lord in the French Quarter of New Orleans during the height of this season. Approximately one million people descend on the city during this time. Please make intercession for the missionaries, those who will

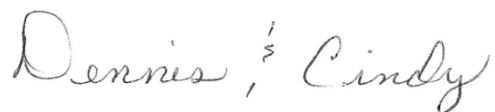
attend for other reasons, as well as the authorities in New Orleans (they will have their hands full). May the Lord bring an understanding of the truth of Jesus to all who hear and may they respond in saving faith!

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support this past year. Your prayers and comments have strengthened and encouraged us along the path the Lord has laid for us. Your support last year allowed us to preach God's Word in the churches and on the streets. We distributed over 60,000 Gospel tracts, led evangelism teams on mission, came alongside the efforts of other ministries, and had the very great and humbling experience of seeing many people come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as He drew them to Himself! For all of this, we thank you.

Cindy and I are being led to expand the territory of Call of Grace for the Lord's glory this year. We are prayerfully considering additional opportunities to share the Gospel locally, around the U.S., and abroad. We ask for your prayers as we seek His wisdom in the decisions that lay before us.

If you have an interest in joining us on mission, please contact us. We are always excited to have others join us in proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. And we know that together for Him, we can do more.

Until Jesus comes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis, & Cindy". The ampersand is stylized and positioned between the two names.

Dennis & Cindy Mohr