

Why We Believe Jesus is the Christ

Matthew 16:13-18

Introduction:

1. Examining the Evidence of "Why We Believe."
2. Our discussion: "Why We Believe Jesus is the Christ."

Discussion:

- I. The Old Testament _____ of Christ.
 - A. Prophecy: Gen. 3:15 – the seed of a woman – Fulfillment: Gal. 4:4
 - B. Prophecy: Isa. 7:14 – the virgin birth of Christ – Fulfillment: Mt. 1:20-25; Lk. 1:26-27, 30-31
 - C. Prophecy: Gen. 49:10 – the Tribe of Judah – Fulfillment: Lk. 3:33
- II. The Father _____ Christ for the world.
 - A. The birth of Jesus (Mt. 1:20-25; Jn. 1:1, 14, 18).
 - B. Jesus' declaration as such (Jn. 4:34; 6:29, 38).
 - C. Nicodemus' statement (Jn. 3:2).
 - D. Jesus purpose proved it (Jn. 3:16-17; Lk. 19:10; Rom. 5:6-7; Phil. 2:6).
- III. John _____ the way of Christ.
 - A. He was sent for this purpose (Jn. 1:6-8).
 - B. O.T. prophecy told of John's preparation (Mal. 3:1; Isa. 40:3; Mt. 3:3; Jn. 1:23)
 - C. John's statement (Jn. 1:29-36).
- IV. Peter _____ Jesus as Christ.
 - A. Peter's introduction to Jesus (Jn. 41-42).
 - B. Peter's bold remarks (Mt. 16:16).
 - C. Peter as a spokesman (Jn. 6:68-69).
- V. Jesus _____ Himself as Christ.
 - A. People's confusion (Mt. 13:55; Lk. 4:22).
 - B. People progress in understanding (Jn. 2:11; 3:2; 4:19, 25-26).

Conclusion:

1. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
2. The evidence is there. What will you do with it?

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