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**The Most Important Question In Human History?**

Matthew 16:13-20

**Key Truth:** Belief in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God is the foundation of the church.

**Two Important Questions From The Passage:**

1. What does the surrounding culture think about Jesus?

 A. Their opinions were very complimentary yet wrong.

2. Who do the disciples say Jesus is?

 A. Peter correctly confesses Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of

 the Living God.

**The Most Important Question Today:**

1. Who do YOU say Jesus is?

 A. If you call Jesus Lord but don’t believe what He says,

 your words are empty. Romans 10:9-13, Luke 6:46-49

2. What you believe about Jesus will determine your eternal

 destiny. John 3:36, Acts 4:12

**Jesus Introduces The Church And Its’ Mission:**

1. The church belongs to Jesus.

2. The church is made up of people who confess Jesus as the

 Messiah and the Son of the Living God.

3. The church is the vehicle in which Jesus has chosen to

 advance His Kingdom rule and reign in the earth.

 A. The church will never be defeated by the powers of Satan.

4. The church has Kingdom authority to operate as Jesus’

 representatives in the earth. Matthew 16:19

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for sending Jesus to be our Messiah and for establishing the church on the sure foundation of Him. Go live out His Word and share the gospel with those around us.

**Food for Thought:**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

What are some of the different ways you have heard Jesus described by non-Christians, either people you know or references you have heard in pop culture?

Why do you think people vary so widely on who they understand Jesus to be?

What do you consider to be the most important thing to believe about Jesus?

This weekend we heard about Jesus asking his followers, “Who do you say I am?” Our answer to this question will continue to expand throughout our spiritual journey. Read through the following verses and jot down how they expand your understanding of who he is.

Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 9:6

Matthew 1:23

John 11:25-26

John 14:1-7

In light of these passages, who do you say Jesus is?