

Who Do You Say That I Am?



Jesus asked His disciples this question...

"Who do you say that I am?" [Mark 8:29]



This question is the most important question that any of us will ever answer!

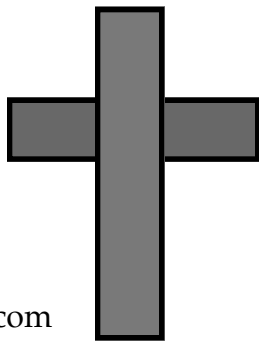
The world has many answers....

Some say a prophet.
A great and wise man, who knew much, was close to God, and taught love to all....

Perhaps a brilliant political leader, one who organized a religious movement that still continues 2000 years after his death....

There's a new one around today, perhaps you've heard it. Jesus was an "ascendant master", a great and wise man, who **perfected himself**, just like Buddha, or Mohammed. And if you work hard enough, you can do what they did too...!

Three Days In Hell



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... "into your hands I commend my spirit... and having said this, He breathed His last." [Luke 23:46]
Jesus died upon the cross. Three days later, He rose from the dead.

But, did you know what He did during those three days?

He descended into Hell...

"(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) (Ephesians 4:9-10, KJV).

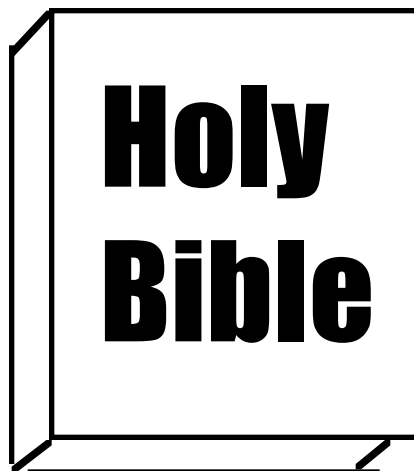
..And stole the keys of Hell and death!!

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. (Revelation 1:18, KJV).

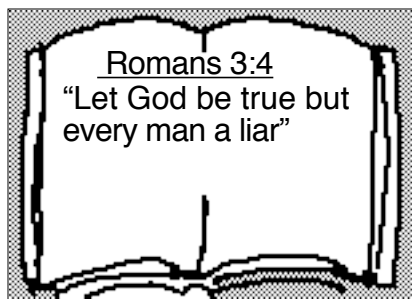
No longer did Satan own the souls of everyone on earth! No longer could death claim victory over every soul! Now, Jesus had created a way for anyone to be saved!

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"...And God Be True!"



The Bible, God's holy word, says.....



In order to really understand God, we **must** realize God is true.

The Bible shows God in a completely consistent way. It is the only way to know God fully.

Unfortunately, God isn't always the way we might want Him to be. There are many people who have "reasoned" this to themselves:

"God is Love. He loves everyone so, we all go to heaven when we die,"



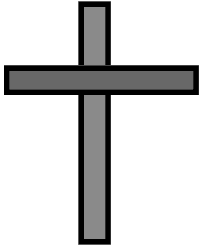
Now, while it is true that God is perfect love, He is also a perfect judge. **He cannot have sin in His presence.**

Peter's answer was this...

"You are the Christ, the son of the Living God!"
(Matthew 16:16)

Jesus is God!

this is the correct answer, all the others are wrong!



But this is the question that each one of us must answer today...Who is Jesus Christ to you? Is He your Lord and Savior? He said that He was God, and that He died for the forgiveness of sin, to prepare a way for all who believe in Him, to, "not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16] Because Jesus is God, there is hope for us! Have you acknowledged Him as your Savior? The question Jesus asked remains....

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Ask Jesus Into Your Heart

Lord Jesus, I am a sinner. But I believe that you died upon the cross for me. That you shed your precious blood, for the forgiveness of my sin. And I believe that on the third day you rose into heaven to prepare a place for me. I accept you now as my Savior, my Lord, my God, my friend. Come into my heart, lord Jesus, set me free from my sin, and be my Savior. Thank you Jesus!

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After this, He ascended into Heaven and spoke these last words of release....

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight." (Acts 1: 8-9)

All authority was given to Him--Jesus became the Head of the church--the Head of His body in the earth--the Lord of all who believe!

Remember:

1. Jesus' work upon the cross, the shedding of His innocent blood, cleanses us of sin. He died **for us**, suffering the death that we deserve for our sin.
2. He descended into Hell to set us free from our bondage to sin.
3. He ascended into Heaven to prepare a place for all those who believe in Him. When we die we can be **assured** of eternity in Heaven, with God, if we have confessed our sin to Jesus, and accepted Him as Savior. Remember, **the work is already done!** Receive Jesus as your Savior today!!

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Jesus warned that the day will come when God says to those who have turned from Him...

"Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels!"

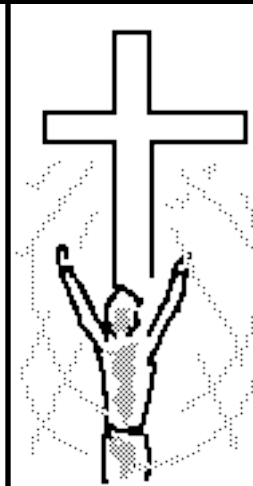
(This sobering thought brought to you by Matthew 25:41)



But ask any Christian, it is the day when we admit our sin to God...

....that is the day that we are saved by God! For the Bible also says that Jesus died for our sin!

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him, will not perish, but have everlasting life!"
[John 3:16]



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You see, in order to truly know God, we must accept **all** of His word. And the Bible says that "all sin and fall short of the glory of God"
[Romans 3:23]