

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

“His Identity”

(Matthew 16:13-16)

- Introduction:
1. As John closes his gospel account stating why he wrote it (John 20:30-31).
 2. The question of Jesus’ identity is not a new question.
 - a. (Matthew 21:10) Jerusalem.
 - b. (Luke 5:21) The Scribes and Pharisees.
 - c. (Luke 7:49) Those dining with Jesus.
 - d. (Luke 9:9) Herod.
 - e. (John 5:12) The Jews.
 - f. (Matthew 16:13-16) Jesus asked his disciples.
 3. The answer to this question, concerning the identity of Jesus, is central to one’s salvation.
 4. Thus, John begins immediately in his gospel account with the answer.

I. Jesus is the Word

- A. (John 1:1,14; 1 John 1:1).
- B. Why refer to Jesus as the “Word?”
 1. Words are used to communicate.
 2. God communicated to us through Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-2).

II. Jesus is God

- A. (John 1:1).
- B. Jesus was more than a good man, or prophet; he was God in the flesh (John 1:14).
- C. Trilemma – Jesus was either a liar, lunatic, or Lord.
- D. (John 8:56-58).

III. Jesus is the Creator

- A. (John 1:3).
- B. (Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:2).
- C. Just as cooperation existed among the Godhead in redemption, so it existed in the creation.
 1. God the Father appointed (Hebrews 11:1-2).
 2. God the Son created it (Gen. 1:1; John 1:3; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:2).
 3. God the Holy Spirit garnished it (Job 26:13).

IV. Jesus is The Savior

- A. (John 1:12).
- B. (John 1:29).

- Conclusion:
1. Who is Jesus? He is the God-Man, our Creator, and potentially, our Savior.
 2. What will you do with Jesus?