

GREAT QUESTIONS OF THE BIBLE 12

“But who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15)

Jesus was travelling with his disciples and had come into the district of Caesarea Philippi. He asked his disciples a simple question. “*Who do people say that the Son of Man is?*” (Matthew 16:13).

People had heard Jesus teach, they had seen him heal the sick, and they had witnessed other miracles. What conclusion had the people come to regarding who Jesus really was? The disciples replied that some people thought he was John the Baptist. Others thought he was Elijah, or Jeremiah, or one of the other prophets.

Jesus had another question for them. “*But who do you say that I am?*” (Matthew 16:15). This is getting more personal now. Peter, we are told, was the one to reply on behalf of the disciples. “*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*” (Matthew 16:16).

This was a bold answer, direct and to the point. Peter was in no doubt at that instant. Jesus was the Christ. He was the Messiah. He was the Son of the living God. He was the fulfillment of all of God’s promises to the nation. How did Peter know? How did the other disciples know this?

Jesus’ reply tells us. “*Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,*

but my Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 16:17).

As questions go, it is a great one. When it was asked of Peter and the other apostles, Jesus told them that his church would be built on that confession of faith by Peter. The church would begin in Jerusalem, on the Day of Pentecost, and would expand into all the world.

However, the question continues to be asked, and each one of us needs to give an answer. The question is for you, right here, and right now. Jesus asks, “But who do you say that I am?” We must individually confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, or we must reject him, because on that confession the church continues to be built.

“... *at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*” (Philippians 2:10-11). Colin R. Vine

Turn to me and be saved,
All the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.
By myself I have sworn;
From my mouth has gone out in
righteousness
a word that shall not return:
To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear
allegiance. (Isaiah 45:22-23)

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Monthly Bulletin



Hebron Church Weekend Away

A weekend of thought-provoking talks, uplifting worship, prayer times, as well as time for rest, relaxation, chat, cakes, and laughter. This year we are pleased to welcome Hamish Wishart as our guest speaker. Held at Bassenfell Manor, Bassenthwaite, Keswick, CA12 4RL



Mothers Sunday

22 March 2020

Church Update Meeting

Saturday, 14 March 2020 @ 7.00 pm

You are invited to join us for our annual Update Meeting. You can find out what has been accomplished during the last year, and what plans are in place for the next 12 months. There will be food!

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Weekly Schedule

(*See the panels on the right for details of speakers)

Sunday

10.00 am -- Breaking of Bread
11.15 am -- Good News Service*
6.15 pm -- Prayer time
6.30 pm -- Evening Service*

Monday

2.30 pm -- Ladies Meeting*
8.00 pm -- Bible Study

Tuesday

10.00 am -- Carpet Bowls
6.00 pm -- Carpet Bowls

Wednesday

10.00 am -- Food Bank
6.00 pm -- Pathfinders

Thursday

10.15 am -- Coffee and Chat*
(First Thursday of the month only)

7.30 pm -- Midweek Meeting

Friday

10.00 am -- Food Bank
6.00 pm -- Pathos

First Saturday of the Month Only

8.30 am -- Prayer Meeting

Speakers

Good New Service Sunday Morning -- 11.15 am

1 March -- Family Service
8 March -- Graham Edwards -- Acts 18:1-17
15 March -- Koen Hellendoorn -- Acts 28:18-28
22 March -- Barry Laidler -- Acts 19:1-22
29 March -- Colin Vine -- Acts 19:23-41



Evening Service Sunday -- 6.30 pm

1 March -- Paul Caygell
8 March -- London City Mission
15 March -- Graham Edwards
22 March -- Alan Barber
29 March -- Terry McConway



Ladies Meeting Monday -- 2.30 pm

2 March -- Pam Rushton
9 March -- London City Mission
16 March -- Paul Caygell
22 March -- Denis Taylor
30 March -- Graham Edwards



Coffee & Chat Thursday 6th -- 10.00 am

David Seymour

Dave's Desert Island Discs!



Just For Fun (Answers, if you need them, next month)

1. Who, in the Old Testament, was given the name Zaphenath-paneah?
2. Who was the mother of Joseph, the son of Jacob?
3. To whom did his brothers sell Joseph after having stripped him of his robe of many colours?

Answers from February

1. Timothy was a native of Lystra (Acts 16:1)
2. Eunice was Timothy's mother, and Lois was his grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5).
3. When Paul wrote 1 Timothy, Timothy was in Ephesus (1 Timothy 1:3).



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"I felt like you were preaching right at me this morning ... especially after you pointed and said my name the third time."