

November 7, 2021

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Lord's Table
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Brock Lindley & Devin McVey

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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SPECULATION OR REVELATION? By Mark Lindley

Jesus asked many important questions during his earthly ministry. On the occasion of Matthew 16 he asked, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" (verse 13). The disciples responded by saying, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets" (verse 14).

It is apparent that there were many different ideas about the identity of Jesus. When we consider the similarities between Jesus and John the Baptist, Jesus and Elijah, or Jesus and Jeremiah, we can understand why the people of Jesus' day may have associated him with one of these great men. Jesus was bold in his manner of speech, worked miracles, and had compassion for those in sin. These characteristics Jesus demonstrated were also characteristics of John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Because we can see the similarities between Jesus and these other outstanding servants of God, we tend to believe that the people who held these mistaken views of Jesus were sincere. There is no reason to doubt that some people sincerely believed Jesus was one of the men the disciples mentioned.

Nevertheless, these ideas people held concerning the identity of Jesus all had two things in common: the ideas were based upon speculation, and the ideas were wrong. The sincerity of the people did not change their misguided views into the truth about Jesus. Every person who said that Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or some other prophet was wrong.

This should teach us that concerning religious questions, there may be many answers which are wrong. Questions concerning the true identity of Jesus, the plan of salvation, and how to worship God acceptably may be answered incorrectly. Those who give incorrect answers to religious questions may be sincere, but if their answers are based upon human speculation it should not surprise us that their answers are not correct.

After the disciples told Jesus what others were saying about him, Peter correctly identified Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). Peter’s answer was the only one that was correct because it had been revealed by “the Father in heaven” (Matthew 16:17). All other answers were wrong.

There is a way we can be sure we have the right answers to religious questions. We must look to what the Father in heaven has revealed in his word, the Bible. Our parents, grandparents, friends, or preacher may offer answers, but their answers should be accepted only if they are true to God’s Word. Let’s be sure to base our beliefs upon revelation, not speculation.

THE LOST CHRIST Dennis Gullede

Recently I noticed a bumper sticker that read, “If you have trouble finding Jesus, try looking for his mother.” I was reminded that Mariolatry is alive and well. Also, I was reminded of a time when Jesus’ mother had trouble finding him. The account is in Luke 2:40-45, a passage rich with valuable instruction for the truth seeker.

(1) There is suggested the idea of someone lost. Jesus was separated from his family and they did not know it (Vs. 43). The tragedy of his being lost to his parents was compounded by their ignorance of it. How illustrative of the multiplied millions of souls who are traveling to eternity’s shore, not realizing the fact that Jesus may not be in their company. How many people are lost without Christ and do not know it?

(2) Jesus was lost to the one’s least expected – his parents: “Joseph and his mother.” Why did they lose Jesus? It was not because of a failure to love and appreciate him. It was not because they could not have known his whereabouts. It was not because they did not think that he was in their company. It was simply due to their carelessness that they lost him. This is not a criticism of them. The same is often true of us all. Their worries at the end of the day were due to a careless moment earlier that resulted in the parental panic that naturally accompanies the thought of a lost child. The application is that Jesus would seem least likely lost to religious people, but he in fact may be!

(3) The parents of Jesus rested solely upon supposition (Vs. 44). We do not operate on the ground of supposition with immunity in too many areas of life. Experience quickly teaches us the danger of supposition in matters where money is involved.

Religiously, however, the majority of people are headed to the eternal shore on the skiff of supposition (Matt. 7:13). The Bible plainly condemns partyism (1 Cor. 1:10). But, where is the denomination that does not suppose that it has Christ? It is often true that many people seek the Lord in the religion of “their relatives and acquaintances.” The Bible teaches that we must do God’s will in order to be saved (Matt. 7:21). But, where is the partial practitioner thereof who does not suppose that he has Christ? The Bible teaches that we must grow spiritually (2 Pet. 3:18). But, where is the Christian who scarcely tries who does not suppose that he has Christ?

Let us not suppose, but let us seek knowledge of our spiritual state! It would be well for all religious people to ask, “Did Christ ever hear of the company with which I am journeying?” Is he in it? Is it mentioned in the Bible? Is it possible for us to be traveling away from Jerusalem while supposing that Jesus is in our company?

Are there any that are seeking Jesus today? They are indeed seeking the right one (Jn. 14:6). In order to find him they will have to sever all human ties and return to Jerusalem and they will find him in the church for which he died (Acts 20:28).

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the sick, the world and the
broken-hearted.

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