## LIGHTHOUSE COVENANT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ONLINE SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY Who is Jesus? Matthew 16:15

If you have questions about this study, want to discuss it further or just want someone to pray with, please email <u>lighthousecovenantf@gmail.com</u> or text/call 408-460-9196. YOU are the future, stay strong in the Lord, keeping fighting the good fight, and never forget God LOVES you!

### Outline:

- 1. Introduction-3 minutes
- 2. Bible Scripture Reading-3 minutes
- 3. Video Clip-19 minutes
- 4. Bible Lesson Discussion-6 minutes
- 5. Prayer-2 minutes
- 1. Introduction: Who do you think Jesus is? Do you ever wish you could go back in time and meet Him? Was he a real person or just a fairytale? Yes, it is ok to ask questions, and it is ok to seek the answers. With Easter just a few weeks away there is a lot of focus on Jesus Christ. This week we are going to explore a very important question that Jesus asked not only Peter but you and me today. What will your answer be?
- 2. Bible Scripture Reading: Look up Matthew 16:15. Read it out-loud.
- **3. Video Clip:** Watch the video below.

https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/83?episode=1

### 4. Bible Lesson Discussion:

# Then Jesus said to his followers, "And who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." – Matthew 16:15 (ERV)

- How you perceive something matters. Think of these debate topics, you might perceive the issue one way and your friend or parent might perceive it another way; Drug addicts: Do they need help or punishment? Banning Zoos: Yes or no? Is artificial intelligence dangerous?
- When it comes to our spiritual lives, how we see things matters.
- How do you see Jesus?
- Do you see Him as your provider, your friend, and the only way to God?
- Or do you see him as just some guy who was a good teacher and did some good things to help others?
- How you view Jesus is important.

- If any of the following type of people walked in to a room, you would instantly know who they were:
- Red uniform, hard hat, hose: it's a fire-fighter
- Blue uniform, weapon in holster: it's a police officer
- White clothes, stethoscope around neck, it's a doctor
- White clothes, big floppy hat, knives: it's a chef
- Now, what about God? How would you recognize God if he walked into a room? It's not that easy, because God doesn't wear a uniform. In fact, I don't think it would be what God wore that gave him away, but rather how he acted.

## **Recognizing God**

Jesus' disciples had one of those moments, where they recognized God really was in the room with them. After watching Jesus in action for a while, Jesus turned and asked Peter in Matthew 16:15:

### "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter, who by now had spent plenty of time thinking about this question as he traveled with Jesus, answered him: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

- Who do you say Jesus is?
- There will be a time when we all have to answer the question that Jesus asks "Who do you say I am?"
- If you don't know what your answer is, I urge to read the biographies of Jesus in the Bible (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), and give the question some serious thought.
  - Look at how Jesus acts: what he says, how he forgives people, the amazing miracles he does, and how he comes back from the dead. While you're reading, keep in mind, this is history you are reading not a fairy tale.
- You may just find out, like Peter did, like I did, and like billions of others have, that Jesus really is who he says he is: God. God has come to us in the person of Jesus. Do you recognize him?

This week, take a moment to think about how you see Jesus. Choose to see Him like Peter did. He's your savior and he's the answer to every need you'll ever face. So draw close to Him and trust Him to be all you need.

5. As you end this lesson in prayer, talking to God, one-to-one, ask Him to help you know Him better, to have a hunger for His Word, and to be more like Jesus to those you live with and meet everyday. Don't forget God is your creator, He knows more about you than anyone else, talk to Him about your needs, fears and express thankfulness for the blessings. I pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to your heart and draw you into a deeper relationship with God. Next week we will ask the question, "Was Jesus God, or just good...?"