

From
Mark
8:29

THE BIG QUESTION FROM JESUS:

**“Who Do
You Say
That I
Am?”**

Your answer is eternally important.

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Jesus asks:

Mark 8:27-29 - ²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, *“Who do people say that I am?”* ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, *“But who do you say that I am?”* Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.”

“Who do YOU say that I am?”

Many people have given a multitude of answers to this question, but **God**, in His Word, says:

1. Jesus is **GOD**.
2. Jesus is **HOLY**.
3. Jesus is **SAVIOR**.
4. Jesus is the **ACCEPTABLE**
OBJECT of **SAVING FAITH**.
5. Jesus is **LORD**.
6. Jesus is **JUDGE**.

#1 Jesus is GOD.

While Jesus was on the earth He claimed to be nothing less than God in Human flesh.

The first chapter of John's Gospel says

*"¹ In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with **God**, and the **Word** was **God**... ¹⁴ And the **Word** became **flesh** and dwelt among us, ..."* (ESV)

John 1:1, 14 (ESV)

Jesus said **"I and the Father are one."**

John 10:30 (ESV)

#2 Jesus is HOLY.

As God, Jesus embodies every element of God's character.

Colossians 2:9 says ⁹ *For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, (ESV)*

God is absolutely and perfectly **Holy** which means completely separated (set apart) from all evil and falsehood.

[\(Isaiah 6:3\), \(James 1:13\)](#)

And God requires **holiness** of us as well. ([1 Peter 1:16](#))

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God's WORD, the Bible, says:

Isaiah 6:3

³ And one called to another and said: “**Holy, holy, holy** is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” (ESV)

James 1:13

¹³ ... God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin...(ESV)

1 Peter 1:15, 16

¹⁵ but as he who called you is **holy**, you also be **holy** in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be **holy**, for I am **holy**.” (ESV)

#3 Jesus is SAVIOR.

Our failure to be holy, our interest in sin, places us in danger of eternal judgement. And we are unwilling to change our sinful condition.

[\(2 Thessalonians 1:9\)](#) [\(Jeremiah 13:23\)](#)

[John 1:9-11](#)

When we sin, and everyone does, we sin against God. God's Holiness and justice demand that our sin be punished by death.

[\(Romans 3:10-12,3:23\)](#) [\(Romans 6:23\)](#)

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God's WORD, the Bible, says:

2 Thessalonians 1:8,9

those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

Jeremiah 13:23

²³ Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots?

John 1:9-11

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

God's WORD, the Bible, says:

Romans 3:10-12

- ¹⁰ as it is written: “None is righteous, no,
not one; ¹¹ no one understands;
no one seeks for God.
¹² All have turned aside; together they
have become worthless;
no one does good, not even one.”

Romans 3:23

²³ for all have sinned and
fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23

- ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the
free gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus is SAVIOR.

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Jesus is the only one who can save us from our sins, and God's love for us provided us with a Savior that paid our penalty completely when He died for sinners.

Christ's death in our place satisfied the demands of God's justice. He alone is "our great God and Savior."

[\(Acts 4:12\)](#) [\(1 Peter 3:18 & John 3:16\)](#) [\(Titus 2:13\)](#)

God's WORD, the Bible, says:

Acts 4:12

¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be **saved.**”

1 Peter 3:18

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might **bring us to God**, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

John 3:16

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but **have eternal life.**”

Titus 2:13

¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great **God and Savior** Jesus Christ,

**#4 Jesus is the only
ACCEPTABLE OBJECT
of SAVING FAITH.**

Many people assume that
there are many paths to God.

**BUT, Jesus said
“I am the only way!”**

**And God appointed a day and time
for judgement and has shown His
acceptance of Jesus' deity and
perfect sacrifice for sins
by raising Him from the dead.**

[John 14:6, 1 John 5:12 Acts 17:29-31](#)

God's WORD, the Bible, says:

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

1 John 5:12

¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Acts 17:31

³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."



#5 Jesus is LORD.

A lot of people say that humans are a product of chance or accident by evolution. But the Bible says that we were created by a personal God to love, serve, and enjoy fellowship with, forever. The New Testament reveals that it was Jesus Himself who created everything.

Romans 10:9 says ⁹ *because, if you confess with your mouth that **Jesus is Lord** and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be **saved**.*

[John 1:3, Colossians 1:16,](#)
[Philippians 2:9-11](#)

God's WORD, the Bible, says:

John 1:2-3

² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Colossians 1:16

¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Philippians 2:9-11

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father..

#6 Jesus is JUDGE.

All who reject Jesus as their LORD and Savior will one day face Him as their Judge.

Act 17:30,31 says ³⁰ *The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,* ³¹ *because he has fixed a day on which he will **judge** the world...*

[Hebrews 9:27](#) &
[2 Thessalonians 1:7-9](#)

God's WORD, the Bible, says:

Hebrews 9:27

²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes **judgment**,

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, **away from the presence of the Lord** and from the glory of his might,

**So here is a summary
of what God says to
Jesus' question...**

1. Jesus is the only **GOD**.
2. Jesus alone is **HOLY**.
3. Jesus is the only **SAVIOR**.
4. Jesus is the only
ACCEPTABLE OBJECT of
SAVING FAITH.
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**So, Briggs and River, my
beloved grandchildren...**



**“What is your answer to
Jesus’ question?”**

HERE'S A QUESTION FROM PAPA:

Who Do You Say That Jesus Is?



Your response
to this
question
will reveal
your heart.

Now Check out some
Good News here!

John 1:12-13



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Good News!

John 1:12-13

¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Papa says,

“I lived 31 years of my life blind to the TRUTH, deaf to the GOSPEL, and unwilling to believe with my hard heart, **but** then I was born again of God and everything changed for the good.”

“So, Briggs and River, my prayer is that God would give you new birth early in life. But take hope, that if HE hasn't done it yet, HE still might later. And you can call on HIM for any kind of help, any time. And, HE eventually calls all of HIS chosen SAINTS to come to HIM.

[CLICK> No Saint is left behind! <CLICK](#)

NO SAINT LEFT BEHIND

John 6:37 says ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

John 6:39 says ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

John 6:40 says ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

John 10:27-30 says ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

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It's all about glory to Jesus,
God's love for us,
and us living our lives accordingly.

It's all about what Jesus has done
for us since before the beginning,
until now, and what He will
do when He returns for us.

And it's all about gifts given by God
to Jesus, and to those whose names
were written in the book of life,
before the foundation of the world.

The Lambs Book Of Life

⁵ The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the **book of life**. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. Revelation 3:5

¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the **book of life**. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.
Revelation 20:12

²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb... ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the **Lamb's book of life**. Revelation 21:23-27

Before the foundation of the world...

²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me **before the foundation of the world.** John 17:23-24

²⁰ He was foreknown **before the foundation of the world** but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. 1 Peter 1:19-21

⁴ even as he chose us in him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:4-6

... **written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.**

Revelation 13:8

The GIFT(s) That Keep On GIVING

Rom 8:28-31

*28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are **called** according to his purpose. ²⁹*

*For those whom he **foreknew** he also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he **predestined** he also **called**, and those whom he **called** he also **justified**, and those whom he **justified** he also **glorified**.*

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

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The GIFT(s) That Keep On GIVING [Rom 8:28-31](#)

- God's GIFT(s) OF MERCY, AND LOVE toward His ELECT, aka [Foreknowledge](#), ELECTION, ADOPTION, INHERITANCE, ETC.
- God's GIFT(s) of New Creation, New Destiny [Predestination](#) New Citizenship in the KINGDOM in the New Heaven and New Earth.
- God's GIFT(s) of [Calling](#) us with His GOSPEL and giving us gifts of FAITH, REPENTANCE, new eyes, new ears, and a new heart.
- God's GIFT(s) of [Justification](#), CLEANSING, FORGIVENESS, PEACE WITH GOD, JESUS' RIGHTEOUSNESS, HOPE, REST.
- God's gift(s) of [Glorification](#) eternally Dwelling with God in glory with a RESURRECTION BODY with DELIVERANCE FROM: tears, pain, suffering, death, sin, hunger, or thirst, AND with blessed joy that is full and complete.

The Second Coming

Matthew 25:31-46 ³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²

Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats... ⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world... ⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, Depart from me... ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The New Heavens and New Earth Revelation 21:1-4

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride (the Saints of the Most High) adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

**God's everlasting gifts to the
"Saints of the Most High"**

Daniel 7:18, 22, 27

18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever...

22 until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom...

27 And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'

God's Gifts That Keep On Giving

Before the foundation of the world
God had a plan to bring glory to His name,
and give His Son a Kingdom,
and to give Kingdom Citizens to His Son,
and to adopt those citizens into His family
and give them eternal treasures in heaven.

There would be a “time under the sun” when
God would both conquer all of His enemies
and prepare Kingdom citizens to live
eternally with God in His Kingdom,

Afterward all God's enemies would be
judged, and all Kingdom Citizens would live
in perfect peace and complete joy
with God forever.

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God's Gifts That Keep On Giving

The Kingdom citizens would be called
Saints of the Most High.

- During the “time under the sun” these saints would be given many gifts such as:
- the Son would suffer and die for the saints as part of their preparation
 - the Son would be resurrected from the dead and return for the saints
 - the saints would also suffer and die but be rescued from death by the King
 - the saints would be called the Church and become the Bride of the King and celebrate a wedding feast together
 - the King and the Bride(saints) live together happily ever after

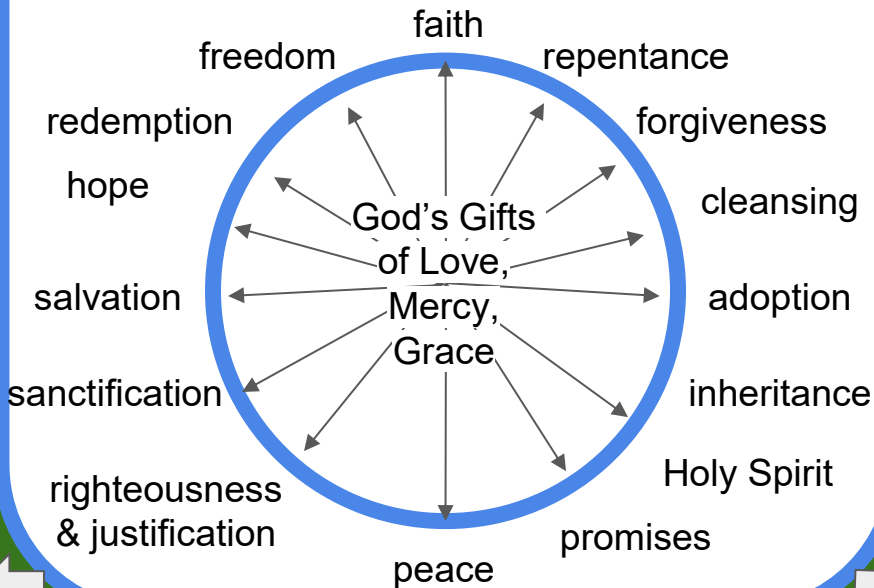
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God's Gifts That Keep On Giving

The saints would be given many more gifts such as:

A first birth, a second birth, a new heart, new eyes, new ears,



In no particular order

So what do you say about all of this?

Does this epic adventure with Jesus, as a Saint of the Most High, interest you?

If so, get ready for the most Grand Adventure with God that you could imagine for all eternity.

If not, remember that it took me half of my life before it interested me.

And never forget that everyone that God has given to His Son comes to be a Saint of the Most High God eventually.