

Revelations of Jesus



The Easter Season is at hand and as we recount the Lord's earthly ministry we see that it entered a new focus in Mathew 16. We read of Jesus preparing to go to the cross and He reveals some all-important realities of who He is and what His plans and purposes are. Witness four revelations:

- The Christ Revealed; **Mathew 16:13-17** *He said to them, "But who do you say I am?" ... "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*
You are saved because you confess Jesus.
- The Church Revealed; **Mathew 16:18-20** *"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it"*
You are the church of Jesus.
- The Cross Revealed; **Mathew 16:21-23** *From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things... and be killed and be raised the third day.*
You came through the cross of Jesus
- The Call Revealed; **Mathew 16: 24-26** *...If anyone desires to come after Me, let Him take up His cross and follow Me...*
You are called to the work of Jesus.

The Bible as a whole is a revelation of God's interaction with man and at it's core; the Bible is about Jesus. Everything about your walk with God is centered around your relationship with His Son. He went to the cross for you Christian.

Blessings to you and yours, Pastor Gene

Who is This King Of Glory?

Introduction: Easter is a central part of the revelation of Jesus as being at the heart of God's plans and purposes for man. As we search the Scriptures we find that Jesus is far beyond what we can possibly understand. But to the degree that we have apprehended the majesty that is the gospel of our Lord, let us continue to seek a deeper understanding and appreciation of our Great Messiah. To know Him is to love Him and to be known by Him is to be loved by Him. To know Him more is a noble undertaking that has no down side and that can only edify your spirit. As we celebrate Palm Sunday let us consider three questions concerning Jesus:

- Who is Jesus The Son of Man? **Mathew 17:1-11** *...and He t ransfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.* The reality of Jesus in all His glory testifies that He is Him of whom was foretold by the prophets of old. Jesus is the Son of God the Redeemer and the Son of man the Sacrifice. **Philippians 2:7-8** says that Jesus came from the Father and took on the likeness of man to die that you might believe and be saved.
Jesus is fully human and fully God.
- Who is Jesus The Coming King? **Mathew 21:1-11** *Then the multitudes... cried out saying; "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"* Jesus came once and He is coming again. The first time, He came in humility on the back of a colt of a donkey. **Revelation 19:11-16** says that when He comes again He will come in glory as the King and on the back of a great white war-horse.
Jesus is the humble and Great King.
- Who is Jesus The Rejected Servant; **Mathew: 27:15-25** *They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!"* Jesus came un humility and was received with gladness by the multitude. The same multitude who honored Him as the coming-king now was caught in a great tumult and cried for His death. The world system dictates that God be rejected. **Psalms 118:22** says that Jesus was rejected then became the chief cornerstone of the Kingdom of God.
Because Jesus was rejected by man, you are accepted by God.

Like many things of God, the world's secular philosophy has taken Easter and turned it away from God and to commercialism and even paganism. But in our hearts and church and in our homes let us keep Jesus at the center of our celebrations. Make it a point to speak a gentle reminder that He is Risen. Jesus is the Son of Man, the Great King and the ultimate Servant. This Easter, embrace the Resurrection as the true reason for the Season