

III. RECEIVE FORGIVENESS THROUGH JESUS (16:15)

- A. **Admit** you need God's forgiveness.

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"
Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 6:23

- B. **Believe** that Jesus is the Messiah.

"16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."
John 3:16-17

"but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."
John 20:31

- C. **Confess** that Jesus is Lord.

"9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."
Romans 10:9-10

"For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."
Romans 10:13

ASK JESUS TO FORGIVE YOU FOR YOUR SIN!

THIS IS JESUS Jesus Forgives My Sin Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

- A. All your life you've wondered about Jesus. Who is He really? This is Jesus will bring you face to face with the real Jesus. You will find the answer to Jesus' question...

"He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Matthew 16:15

Nothing is more important than knowing the correct answer to this question and how Jesus relates to your life. It impacts the quality of your life and where you will spend eternity.

- B. This series will make deep theological topics of Jesus' life understandable and applicable. Come and you will discover how Jesus helps US in our everyday lives! The messages include:

TODAY	Jesus Forgives My Sin
Mar 1	Jesus Understands My Temptations
Mar 8	Jesus Meets My Needs
Mar 15	Jesus Calms My Fears
Mar 22	Jesus Heals My Sickness
Mar 29	Jesus Desires My Obedience
Apr 5	Jesus Secures My Eternity

- C. **TEXT:** Matthew 16:13-17 (Pew Bible/Page 963/New Test.)

This conversation takes place in Caesarea Phillipi. It is about 120 miles north from Jerusalem and the center of many pagan religions. It was in the midst of this secular environment that Jesus ask his disciples about his identity. And Peter correctly replied that Jesus was "the Christ" (Messiah).

JESUS FORGIVES MY SIN

I. **REJECT** FALSE VIEWS OF JESUS (16:13-14)

19 Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings.

20 And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?"

21 Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

John 10:19-21

A. False views in **Jesus'** day.

People said that Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

B. False views in **our** day.

People say Jesus was just a great prophet, teacher, and role model.

"I am trying here to prevent anyone from saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about Him being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

-- C.S. Lewis, Oxford and Cambridge Professor
Mere Christianity, pg. 56

II. **RECOGNIZE** THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST (16:15-17)

Christ is the Greek equivalent to the Hebrew word Messiah. Jesus, as the Messiah, came to save us and provide forgiveness for our sins.

A. Jesus **stated** that He was the Messiah.

25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

John 4:25-26

B. Jesus **showed** that He was the Messiah.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree.

40 Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly,

41 not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

42 And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.

43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

Acts 10:39-43

1 And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house.

2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.

3 Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.

4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

Mark 2:1-5