

Somebody told me some years ago, they said, Many people in our country who know the name of Jesus Christ only as a swear word. They don't even realize there is anything else. Lately we hear about the Jesus people. We hear about all sorts of groups using the name of Jesus in various ways. I remember back about 1920 I picked up a book on eugenics: The Fruit of the Family Tree by a man named Wiggam. In it he said that if Jesus had been living in 1910 he would have been President of the first international council of eugenics. It just shows how people try to use the Name of Jesus in all sorts of connections. But it is something that humanity just ~~can~~ can't get away from. It is a general question: Who is this Jesus? Just who is He. In contrast with other names that are forgotten; they have their importance for a time and disappear. Men who are known to everyone in the world and then are completely forgotten except for a few ~~brief~~ who read history books. But this name Jesus Christ is ~~of~~ of importance to all. Our dates are all based after Him and even those who don't want to have anything to do with Him have to call it the year 1973. I've seen books that try to get away from it. They speak about the time ~~of~~ before Christ and they speak of it as B.C.E. instead of B.C. -- before the Christian era instead of before Christ, but they can't get away from it. He's the center of it.

They said:

But No. 2 is more important than this. No. 1, /Some say thou art John the Baptist; some Elijah, others Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. Many different statements are given. But No. 2, A Personal Question: He said, But whom say ye that I am? This question faces everyone in the world. This is the direct personal question. It's not just a matter of history. It is not just a matter of interest. It is a matter of vital importance and significance to every one of us. "Whom say ye that I am?" That is the question with which we must confront everyone in this world. Jesus confronted his disciples with it.

No. 3 we have the true answer. "Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." This is not a man. This is a man. This is the greatest of all men- the most perfect man who ever lived. He is not a mere man. He is the Son of the living God. He is the Messiah. He is the center of all history. He is the one in whom we must put our faith if our life is not to be thrown on the