

SO, WHO IS HE?



Is he the greatest man who ever lived?

Or is he Lord of heaven and earth?

Or both?

Anyone who reads the gospels with discernment will have to conclude that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the greatest man who ever walked this earth.

No one in history, or even in fiction, can match this man.

His words burn with fire.

His signs of healing are performed without fanfare.

He listens to the cries of the humble, and gives them hope.

His prophecies are unfolding before our eyes.

But who is he?

Nicodemus, a teacher in Israel, could not figure him out.

Pilate, with all the power of the Roman Empire behind him, asked him in a trembling voice,

“Who are you?”

Who is he?

Jesus himself asserts that no one knows who he is.

No one but the Father.

All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Matthew 11

If Jesus is more than the greatest man who ever lived, who is he?

Where does he come from?

Does he have a name hidden behind the name, "Jesus"?

At the Burning Bush Moses wanted to know God's name.

"When they ask, who sent me to deliver Israel, they will want a name."

"Tell them I AM sent you."

"I AM"

Jesus used that name again and again.

"I AM the Good Shepherd."

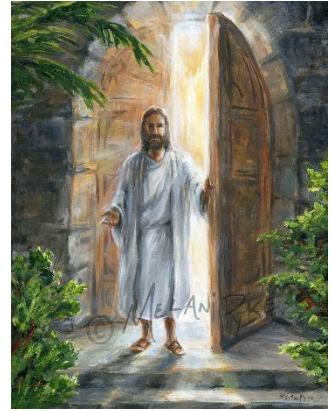
"I AM the door."

"I AM the way, the truth and the life."

"I AM the living bread which came down from heaven."

"I AM the resurrection and the life."

"I AM with you always."



Jesus may be the greatest man who ever walked this earth, but he is much more than that.

Who Jesus is can be known only by faith.

Who Jesus is can be known only by those who walk with him.

Who Jesus is can be known only by those who deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him.

Who Jesus is can be known only by those who think with his mind.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

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

Philippians 2



When we think with his mind, a mind that empties itself of its glory and simply serves, we will know who he is.

When we leave ourselves behind, pick up our cross and follow him, we will know who he is.

When we are crucified with Christ, when it is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us, we will know who he is.

We will know that Jesus is Lord of heaven and earth.

All authority in heaven and earth has been given to him.

Eternal life, the life of God, is given to those who follow him.

“Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy. Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay every one for what he has done.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

Revelation 22



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Prayer: Lord help us to find out who you are. Help us to know you to the depth of our hearts. Help us to know you as the way, the truth, and the life, to know you as the door to the presence of the Holy One, to know you as the living bread from heaven, to know you as our good shepherd, and to know you as our resurrection and life and help us to embrace the gift that you are with us always. Give us the faith, the determined steps, the minds, and the willingness to take up our crosses. Help us to empty ourselves of any glory we cling to, help us to wash our robes... so we may know you...know you as the beginning and the end, as Lord of heaven and earth, as the I Am. Amen. Maranatha Mirror

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