

“Who do you say I am?”



BECAUSE GOD FIRST LOVED US.

“Whom do you tell that this is who you say that Jesus is?”

1. Your family?
2. Your friends at church?
3. Your friends outside of church?
4. Your hair dresser or barber?
5. Your waitress?
6. Your kids’ teachers?

“...Think no more highly of yourself than you ought.”

1. Striving to be our best selves.
2. “You’re worth it.”
3. **We** are of immeasurable value
4. God crowned **us** with glory and honor
5. **We** are beloved of God

We are to be a working and rejoicing *part* of a faith community.

1. It takes our **body** – real daily action – along with...
2. the transformation of our **soul**’s thoughts.
3. Faithfulness takes our **sacrifice** or submission to God with our whole selves.

Change is Inevitable

1. Will you be changed by the world?
2. Will you instead be changed by the Spirit of God?

The outcomes will be drastically different.

We are defined by whom we follow.

1. Jesus asks: **Who do you say that I am?**
2. All 4 Gospels share that question.
3. Peter gets it right
 - Messiah - Savior
 - God Incarnate
 - Connects us to God
 - Reconciles us before the Creator

And what have we become?

1. New, different, with a purpose in the community of faith.
2. Each of us must be a willing block to be built upon.

“The gates of Hades will not prevail against it.” (Matt. 16:18)

1. It is a church or community of faith willing to profess Christ to others by word and deed.
2. The church will overcome all things through the power of Christ – so we need not fear anything.

The Keys of Loosing and Binding

The keys are knowledge of who Jesus is.

“We are to **interpret** the scriptures in such a way that they become intelligible to a new world. We are to **inform, to share, to teach** about who is the answer to our prayers, the desire of all our hearts, and the fulfillment of our needs.” – Like Show & Tell.