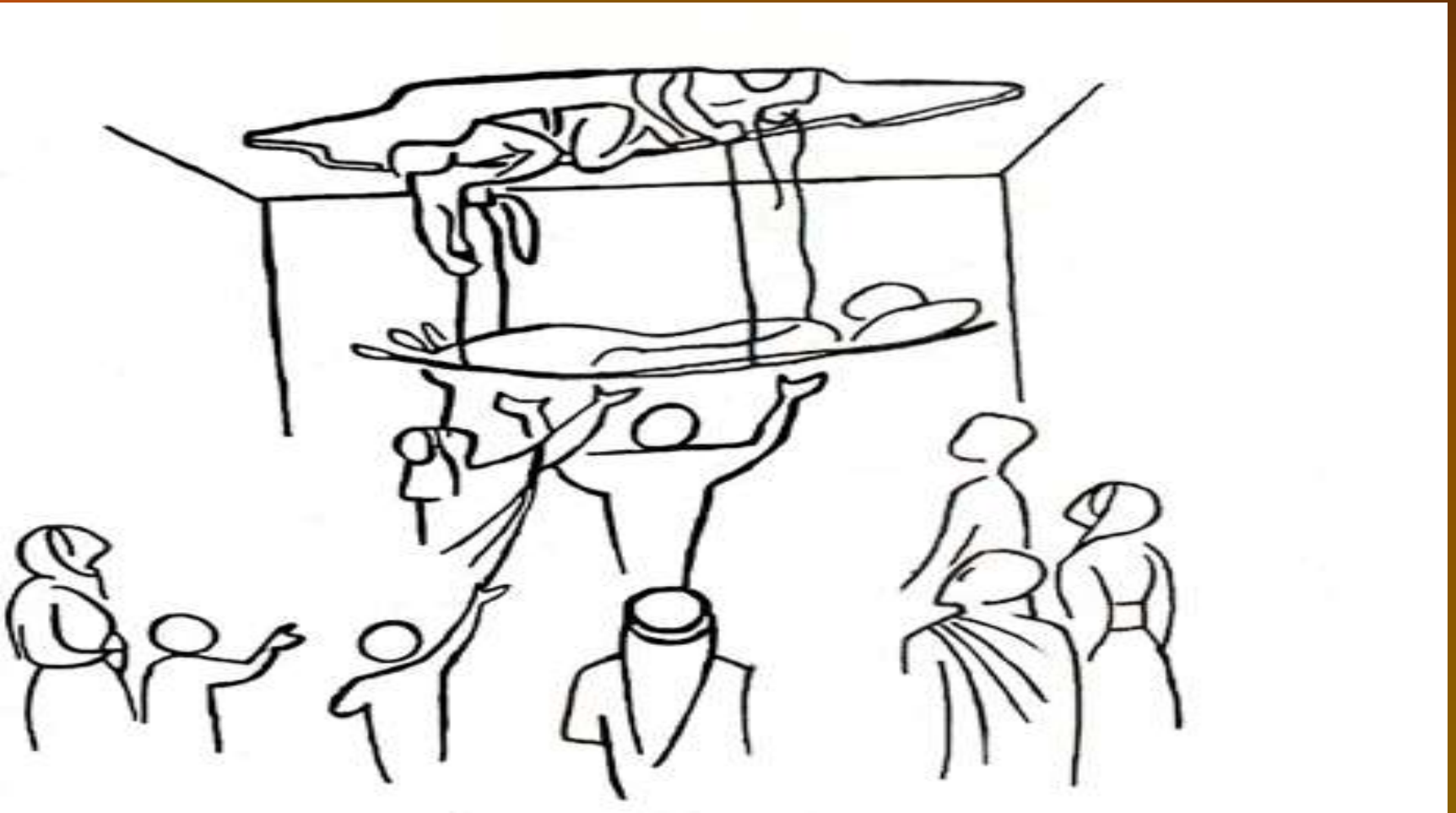


• Putting Jesus in His Place.

*“Interpretations of Jesus are fraught with bias. He's a powerful figure whom people want on their sides -- and they're willing to re-create him in their image to enlist his support. Animal rights activist can imagine a vegetarian Jesus. New Agers make him an example of finding God within. Radical feminist strip him of divinity, so that Christianity doesn't appear sexist. Frankly, it's hard to escape the feeling that our culture has taken Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" And changed it to **"Who do you want me to be?"**”*

IT'S A QUESTION OFTEN ASKED BY THOSE THAT ENCOUNTERED HIM.

- Luke chapter five



- Luke 5:20 - *Seeing their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you."*
- Luke 5:20 (LBLA) *20 Viendo Jesús la fe de ellos, dijo: Hombre, tus pecados te son perdonados.*

- Luke 5: 21 -- "*who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?*"
- Luke 5:21 (LBLA) *21 Entonces los escribas y fariseos comenzaron a discurrir, diciendo: ¿Quién es éste que habla blasfemias? ¿Quién puede perdonar pecados, sino sólo Dios?*

C. S. Lewis
**(Mere
Christianity)**

- *"Now, unless the speaker is God, forgiving sins is really so preposterous as to be comic. We can all understand how a man forgives offenses against himself. You tread on my toe and I forgive you, you steal my money, and I forgive you. But what should we make of a man, himself unrobbed and untrodden on, who announces that he forgave you for treading on another man's toes and stealing other men's money?"*

- ***Asinine fatuity** is the kindest description we should give of his conduct. Yet this is what Jesus did. He told people that their sins were forgiven, and never waited to consult all the other people whom their sins had undoubtedly injured. He unhesitatingly behaved as if he was the party chiefly concerned, the person chiefly offended in all offenses. This makes sense only if he really was God, whose laws are broken and whose love is wounded in every sin. In the mouth of any speaker who is not God, these words would imply what I can only regard as a silliness and conceit unrivaled by any other character in history."*

"Who is this man?"

Luke Chapter 7



- *"your sins have been forgiven."* Luke 7:48
- *"Tus pecados han sido perdonados."* Luke 7:48

- Luke 7:49 - *“Those who were reclining at the table with him began to say to themselves, who is this man who even forgives sins?”*
- Luke 7:49 - *49 Los que estaban sentados a la mesa con El comenzaron a decir entre sí: ¿Quién es éste que hasta perdona pecados?*

Luke chapter 9

- Luke 9: 7-9 - *Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was happening; and he was greatly perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, 8 and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen again. 9 Herod said, "I myself had John beheaded; but who is this man about whom I hear such things?" And he kept trying to see Him.*
- Luke 9:7-9 - *7 Herodes el tetrarca se enteró de todo lo que estaba pasando, y estaba muy perplejo, porque algunos decían que Juan había resucitado de entre los muertos, 8 otros, que Elías había aparecido, y otros, que algún profeta de los antiguos había resucitado. 9 Entonces Herodes dijo: A Juan yo lo hice decapitar; ¿quién es, entonces, éste de quien oigo tales cosas? Y procuraba verle.*



**Even the apostles wondered
who Jesus was????**

- Mark 4:35-41 - **35** As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." **36** So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). **37** But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. **38** Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" **39** When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the water, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. **40** Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" **41** The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!" Holy Bible, New Living Translation



HE WAS NO ORDINARY MAN

- *John 3:1-2 - There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. 2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you."* Holy Bible, New Living Translation ®,
- *You are the teacher of Israel*

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**“Who is this
man?”**

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

- Matthew 16:13-14 – *13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."* NASU
- Matthew 16:13-14 (LBLA) *13 Cuando llegó Jesús a la región de Cesarea de Filipo, preguntó a sus discípulos, diciendo: ¿Quién dicen los hombres que es el Hijo del Hombre? 14 Y ellos dijeron: Unos, Juan el Bautista; y otros, Elías; pero otros, Jeremías o uno de los profetas.*

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

- Matthew 16:15- *‘He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"* NASU
- Matthew 16:15 (LBLA) *15 El les dijo: Y vosotros, ¿quién decís que soy yo?*
- *Who do all of you (or you all) say that I am?*
- *"you are the Christ"*
- *“Tú eres el Cristo”*

- Christos
- mashiach
- "the anointed one".



Matthew 16:16- *Simon Peter answered,
"You are the Christ, the Son of the
living God."*

Matthew 16:16 (LBLA)

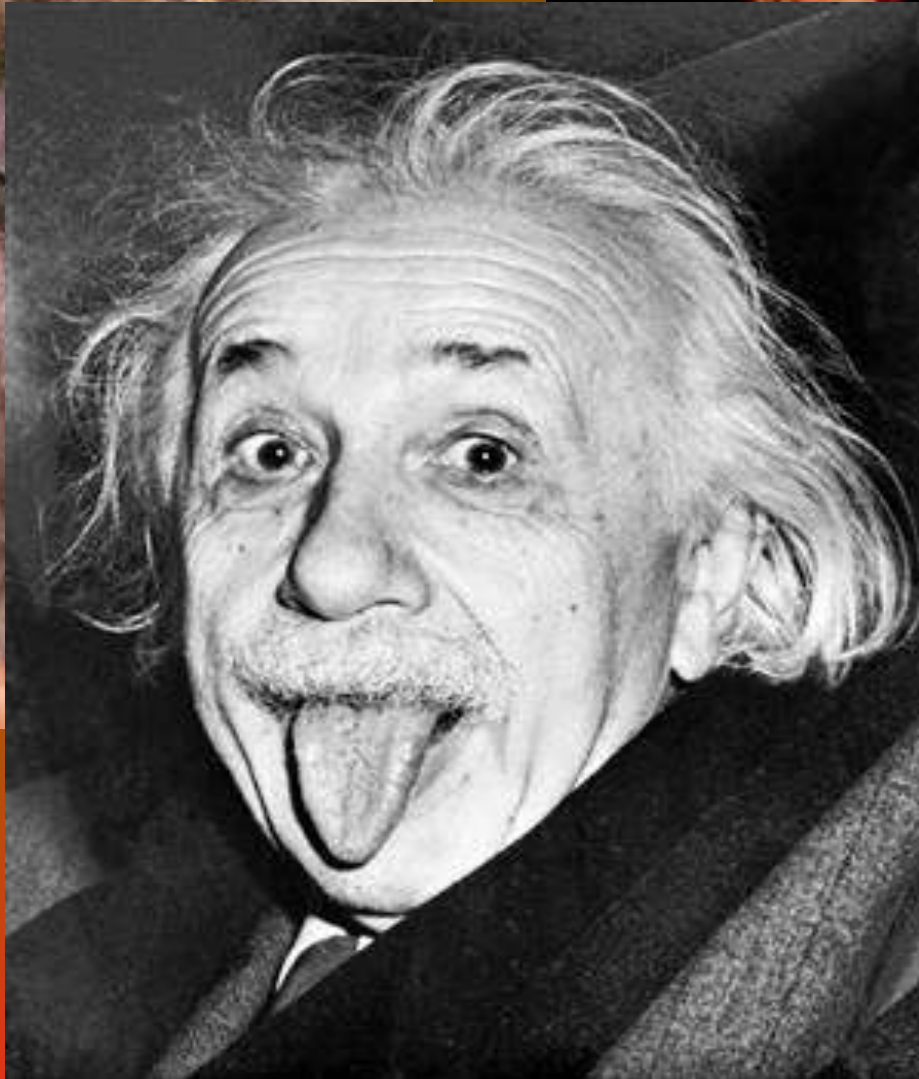
16 Respondiendo Simón Pedro, dijo: Tú eres el
Cristo, el Hijo del Dios viviente.

***"Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah,
because flesh and blood did not reveal
this to you, but my Father, who is in
heaven."*** Matthew 16:17

**IF WE ARE TO BELIEVE
THE MAN HIMSELF...**

HE IS GOD!





“I am trying here to prevent anyone 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’s 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 on 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 his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

John 8:46-

"Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?"

John 8:46 (LBLA)

46 ¿Quién de vosotros me prueba que tengo pecado? Y si digo verdad, ¿por qué vosotros no me creéis?

Acts 8:36-38

*"Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 37 And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, **"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."** 38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.*

Acts 8:36-38

*36 Yendo por el camino, llegaron a un lugar donde había agua; y el eunuco dijo: Mira, agua. ¿Qué impide que yo sea bautizado? 37 Y Felipe dijo: Si crees con todo tu corazón, puedes. Respondió él y dijo: **Creo que Jesucristo es el Hijo de Dios.** 38 Y mandó parar el carruaje; ambos descendieron al agua, Felipe y el eunuco, y lo bautizó.*