## Identity Crisis: Jesus

## Stand Read Matthew 16:13-23

## Who is Jesus?

Not the same as who is God as almost everyone believes in Jesus. But which Jesus do they believe in?

#### Matthew 24:4-5

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

## Mark 13:21-23

"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it. 22 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 23 But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

# 2 Corinthians 11:3-4

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

So, we need to make sure that we are following the right Jesus. The bible is clear in the days we are living in there will be many who follow false christs. Not just the obvious ones like JW's and Mormons

# 2 Peter 2:1-3

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there <u>will be</u> false teachers among you, <u>who will</u> secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And <u>many will</u> follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a

long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

Please look now at this video. Those who have watched "Enemies Within the Church" will spot it out right away. But you need to watch the photos along with the words as they tell the whole story.

A recent article in the Capstone Report:

Jesus was Woke? The He Gets Us Campaign sparks criticism among conservative Southern Baptists as the organization appears to be gay and trans affirming. Also, top SBC pastors claim the He Gets Us Campaign has poor or incorrect theology about Jesus's divine nature.

The He Gets Us Campaign is in some type of partnership with the North American Mission Board (NAMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention. That is not sitting well with conservative Southern Baptists who declared the campaign Woke and heretical. One leading SBC pastor said the He Gets Us Campaign doesn't get Jesus citing its heretical conception of our Lord and Savior.

According to Georgia Pastor Mike Stone, "Today, the president of the North American Mission Board of the SBC pushed evangelistic cooperation with the #HeGetsUs campaign. A group that suggests the sinlessness of Jesus is debatable, claims that Christ had moments of insufficiency, or that Christ had worry and anxiety about the cross should be recipients of EVANGELISM, not evangelistic cooperation. If we had even 1/10th as much discernment as we have pragmatism."

The SBC needed Mike Stone as president. Instead, the Woke messengers (those who bother to attend or as reporting exposed were paid to attend by entity leadership like the North American Mission Board) voted for Ed Litton. You might remember that Ed Litton was exposed as a liar and fraud who routinely plagiarized sermons dating back at least as early as 2012 when Litton and his wife plagiarized a Tim Keller sermon on marriage.

Tom Buck published screenshots showing how He Gets Us promotes transfriendly churches. According to Buck, "@NAMB\_SBC and @kevezell wants us to join the "He Gets Us" movement. If you're against it, Ezell says, you aren't evangelistic. So, I went to the website and had a chat. How evangelistic are THEY? What would they say to someone looking for a church who will let them be gay? The "He Gets Us" movement that @NAMB\_SBC and @kevezell thinks you should be excited about will also help you find a transgender friendly church.. while never telling you it's a sin."

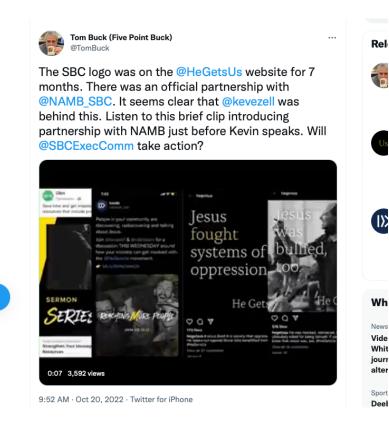
- Tom Buck (Five Point Buck) (@TomBuck) October 12, 2022

Still not convinced?

Jesus felt Pressure to be a good example, too?



Now the SBC says they are NOT in partnership with this Campaign after backlash. They have a history of lying...



#### Read the Pattern...



We have another word for it...Apostacy!

But that means if we are to make sure we are not experiencing the same Identity Crisis as they are we need to know who Jesus is...

Remember are five points from last week... Jesus is God Jesus is Holy Jesus is Righteous Jesus is Love Jesus is Relatable

John 8:24

Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins.

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.

#### John 10:33

The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

#### 1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

#### 2 John 1:7-11

For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward. 9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; 11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

But now that we have that down, we must believe that Jesus is Holy.

As we said last week, He is completely separate from all others. He is the Son of God, second person of the Trinity.

The Demons Believed that...

Mark 1:23-24

Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

It means He is exclusive

John 14:6-9

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." 8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father..."

And the Only Begotten Son...

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Not only is He Holy but Righteous and without sin!

They couldn't convict him of it ...

John 8:45-46

But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. 46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?

# 1 John 2:1

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

# 2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

He was not fallible as the woke He Get Us campaign would have you think. He was righteous and holy.

He is also Love...

# John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

# John 17:24-26

"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

# Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me

Love is action and Love is Who He is!

But He is also relatable...

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

## John 6:37-38

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

## **Revelation 3:20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me

Is He knocking on your door today? You have to let Him in!

Not the woke Jesus who is a fallible human being like you. Not the weak Jesus Who just looks past your sins and pretends it isn't there. I am talking about the Jesus Who willingly went to the cross for you. The One Who took upon Himself the punishment you deserve. As you are lost in your sin, defying a Holy God. Shaking your fist at Him and determining in yourself to do your own thing, He was being beaten and scourged beyond recognition all the while telling God to "forgive them for they know not what they do". He loved you so much that He stepped into your place. Why? So, He could spend an eternity with you. To have a relationship with you.

But you need to answer that door. You have to open it. God is a gentleman. He will not force it upon you. He wants you to receive Himself today!

Stand Pray Mike's closing song.