

"IF YOU SAY I AM"

Luke 22:66-Luke 23:3 – At daybreak all the elders of the people assembled, including the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. Jesus was led before this high council, and they said, "Tell us, are you the Messiah?" But he replied, "If I tell you, you won't believe me. And if I ask you a question, you won't answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated in the place of power at God's right hand." They all shouted, "So, are you claiming to be the Son of God?" And he replied, "You say that I am." "Why do we need other witnesses?" they said. "We ourselves heard him say it." Then the entire council took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor. They began to state their case: "This man has been leading our people astray by telling them not to pay their taxes to the Roman government and by claiming he is the Messiah, a king." So Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "You have said it."

Matthew 16:13-17 – When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being."

How you respond to "Who is Jesus?" will determine the direction and the decisions of your life.

1. **Jesus is the Christ.**

- "Caesar occupied a palace; Jesus occupied a cross. But one day that same Christ will rise up and split history into AD and BC, so that even the life of Caesar must be dated by the name of Jesus Christ." – Martin Luther King Jr.

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2. **Jesus is the Savior.**

- "Too many think lightly of sin, and therefore think lightly of the Savior." – Charles Spurgeon
- "By His life, death, and resurrection, our Savior has conquered our enemies, and by His Spirit He has granted us to share in the victory." – R.C. Sproul

3. **Jesus is the Light.**

- John 8:12 – Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

Coming Soon:

1. **Good Friday at DRC:** Join us for a special service as we remember and reflect on the events of Good Friday: March 29th 6-7pm.
2. **Easter Giveaway:** DRC wants to bless 100 local businesses with specially designed Easter gifts. If you would like to bless a local business, stop by the display on Main Street and pick up a gift bag today. Thank you for loving our city.
3. **Easter at DRC:** We are one week away from Easter! Make plans now to join us on March 31st at one of our three celebrations: 8am, 9:30am, and 11am. Pick up your invites at the Connect Center today.
4. **Upcoming Events at DRC:** Mark your calendars for Baptism Sunday on April 7th and Connect Class on April 21st (to learn more about becoming a member of DRC).