

Who Do You Say I Am
Matthew 16:13-20
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Titus 2:11-13

2 Peter 1:1-2

John 20:28-29

⇒ Titus 2:13, 2 Peter 1:1, and John 20:28 all say Jesus is God, and do so by a Greek standard known as “Sharp’s Rule.”

Granville Sharp’s Rule — When two singular common nouns are used to describe a person, and those two nouns are joined by an additive conjunction, and the definite article precedes the first noun but not the second, then both nouns refer to the same person. This principle of semantics holds true in all languages.

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- ⇒ When Peter declared Jesus the Son of the living God, it was a declaration of Jesus’ Deity.
- ⇒ Knowing the True Identity of Jesus deepens our faith and appreciation of Him.
- ⇒ This question matters because we can correctly say God died on my behalf, God took my sins upon Himself, and God granted me His righteous status.

There is great value in tracing a doctrine like the deity of Christ through the pages of scripture. Because his deity is often attacked by cultic groups and skeptics, believers need to know what God's word teaches about who Jesus truly is. Moreover, as their knowledge of the Savior deepens, their love for him will only grow stronger. —John MacArthur

Discussion Questions for Small Groups

- a. If Jesus is not God, is His sacrifice as meaningful for humanity even if the results are the same?
- b. Were you aware of the 3 scriptures mentioned (Titus 2:13, 2 Peter 1:1, and John 20:28) that call Jesus God prior to this sermon?
- c. Why do you think Jesus was thought to be one of the prophets of old by the people? Are there any similarities between Jesus and the prophets mentioned?
- d. Why do you think Jesus told His disciples to not tell anyone that He was the Messiah?
- e. Aside from Lord and God, who do you say Jesus is? What names and titles does He hold in your heart?