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Reading: John 1:1-14; Romans 5:5-10; Acts 1:1-3,9-11; Matthew 22:42

Subject: Four Questions

In Matthew 22:42, the Lord asks "What think ye of Christ?". These verses deal with four questions about the Lord Jesus Christ:

1. John 1: Who is He?
2. Romans 5: Why did He die?
3. Acts 1: Where is He now?
4. Matthew 22: What does He mean to you?

It is a personal message; you must respond individually.

It is a simple message; The Bible tells us that the Son of God paid the price for sin so if we believe we can be saved eternally.

It is a Scriptural message: The Word of God is the only authority for what we say

1. Who is Jesus Christ?

He is called the Word, Who is God (John 1:1), Who became a man (John 1:14), but never ceased to be God. As a man, He experienced everything that we feel except for sin (Heb 4:15).

John the Baptist (John 1:34) and Nathaniel (John 1:49) both confirmed that He is the Son of God.

He is the Creator of all things (John 1:3, 10) Who did miracles when He was on earth to show His power. He turned water into wine (John 2:1-11), fed thousands with five loaves and two fish (John 6:1-13), made a blind man see (John 9) and calmed a storm by speaking (Mark 5:39)

The Name, Jesus, means Saviour because "He shall save His people from their sins (Matt 1:21)

2. Why did He die?

He did not die for any wrong that He had done; they could not find any accusation to bring against Him because He had done nothing worthy of death (Luke 23:15). He is holy (Heb 7:26), He had no sinful thought (2 Cor 5:21), He did and said no sin (1 Pet 2:22). He died for our sins (1 Cor 15:3) because He loves us (Gal 2:20) and wanted to make a way for us to be right with God (Rom 3:24). In the three hours of darkness, God punished Him for the sin of the world, so He could put away sin because He is the ultimate sacrifice to deal with sin fully (Heb 9:26; 10:12). This is the only way that God can pardon the sinner. He made the world in perfection but Adam disobeyed God (Rom 5:19) and sin came into the world (Rom 5:12). No one can meet God's perfect standard (Rom 3:23) but God has provided a way because Christ died for us (Rom 5:8) and He reconciles us to God (Rom 5:10). It is all of God's grace and there is nothing that we can add (Eph 2:8,9). We need to acknowledge our need and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31).

3. Where is He now?

After His death, He rose again on the third day and was seen by many disciples for forty days. He is different to every other religion whose founder is dead and buried; He is God. He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, waiting to receive all Who trust Him to be with Him forever (John 14:2,3). Will you be there? Are you ready for heaven?

4. What does He mean to you?

There is a challenge in the message. Does this mean anything to you? You must not only listen but make a decision. We do not know how long before He comes and it is too late; you need to be ready because none of us can guarantee another day (Prov 27:1). A tragedy can take a life in a moment so the only time we can guarantee is now (2 Cor 6:2). It is urgent, if you are not sure, now is the time to make certain. The only alternative to heaven is hell and the destiny is decided by the choice that you make in this life. God wants all to be saved (1 Tim 2:4) but you need to take the step of faith for yourself.