

SERMON STARTERS

SPECIAL DAYS - Christmas

THE UNIQUENESS OF THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

Matthew 16:13-17

"When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am? "So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. "He said to them, "But who do you say that I am? "Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 16:13-17)

Who is the One who has claimed the attention of so many all over the world at this season? Who is the real Christ of Christmas? Before this Christmas Season passes into history, let us review the uniqueness of the One born in a stable and cradled in a feeding trough.

- I. **HE IS UNIQUE IN THAT HE LIVED BEFORE HE WAS BORN.**
(John 8:58; Micah 5:2; Isa. 9:6; Jn. 1:1; Col. 1:16-18).
- II. **HE IS UNIQUE IN THAT HE HAD NO EARTHLY FATHER.**
(Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Gal. 4:4).
- III. **HE IS UNIQUE IN THAT HE WAS BORN TO DIE.**
(Matt. 20:28; Heb. 2:9; Matt. 1:21).
- IV. **HE IS UNIQUE IN THAT HE WAS RICH BEFORE HE WAS BORN AND POOR AFTER HE WAS BORN.** (II Corinthians 8:9)
- V. **HE IS UNIQUE IN THAT HE IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO EVER TRUSTED IN GOD AND WAS FORSAKEN.** (Psalm 22:1; II Cor. 5:21).
- VI. **HE IS UNIQUE IN THAT HE IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO WILL HAVE SCARS IN HEAVEN.** (John 20:27; Luke 24:40; Zech. 12:10; John 19:37).
- VII. **HE IS UNIQUE IN THAT HE IS THE ONLY MAN WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS.**
(I Tim. 2:5; Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6; John 10:9; John 8:12).

Although Jesus Christ, the most Unique Person to ever walk this earth, be born in Bethlehem's manger a thousand times and be not born in our hearts, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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