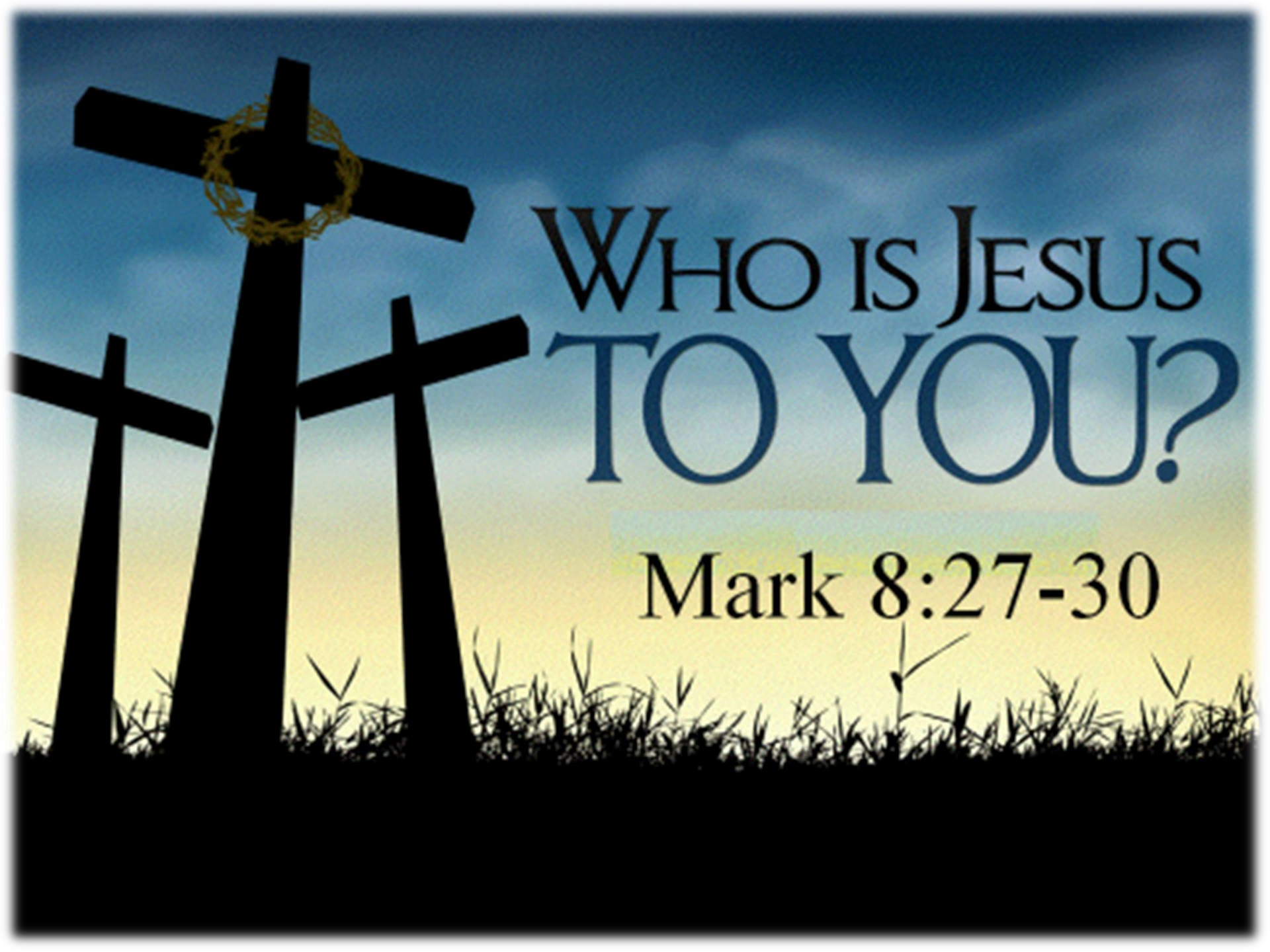


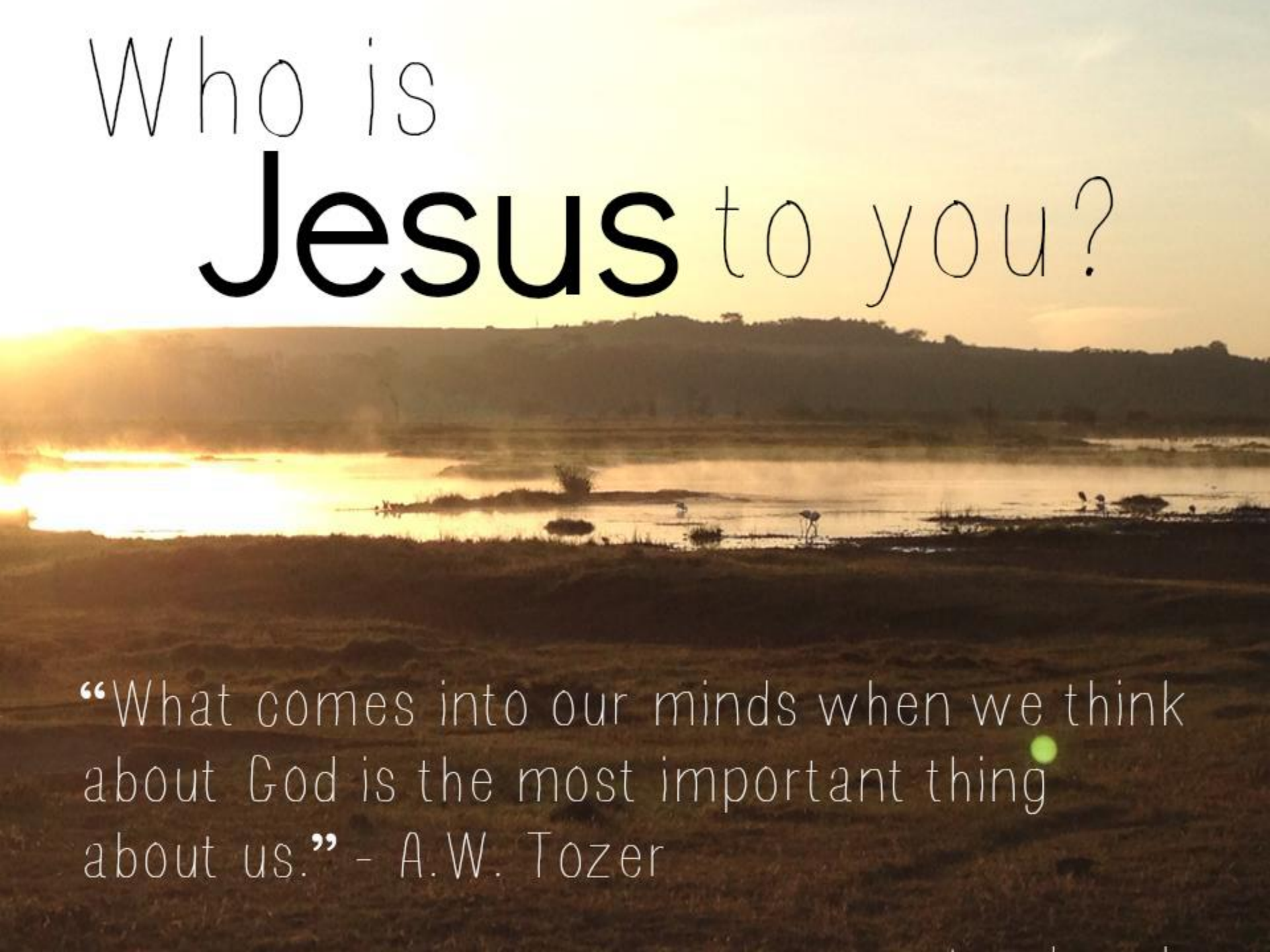
# Life's Big Questions



The image features three black silhouettes of crosses on a grassy hill. The central cross is the tallest and has a golden halo around its top. The sky in the background transitions from a pale yellow at the horizon to a deep blue at the top. The text 'WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?' is written in a large, serif font, with 'WHO IS JESUS' in black and 'TO YOU?' in blue. Below this, the text 'Mark 8:27-30' is written in a smaller, black serif font.

# WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

Mark 8:27-30

A serene sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is low on the left, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. Silhouettes of birds are visible in the water and on the distant shoreline. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Who is  
**Jesus** to you?

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” - A.W. Tozer



**THE MINISTRY OF JESUS  
BEYOND GALILEE**

MATT. 15:21-28; 16:13-20; 17:1-13  
MARK 7:24-37; 8:27-38; 9:1-13  
LUKE 9:28-36; 18:22-35

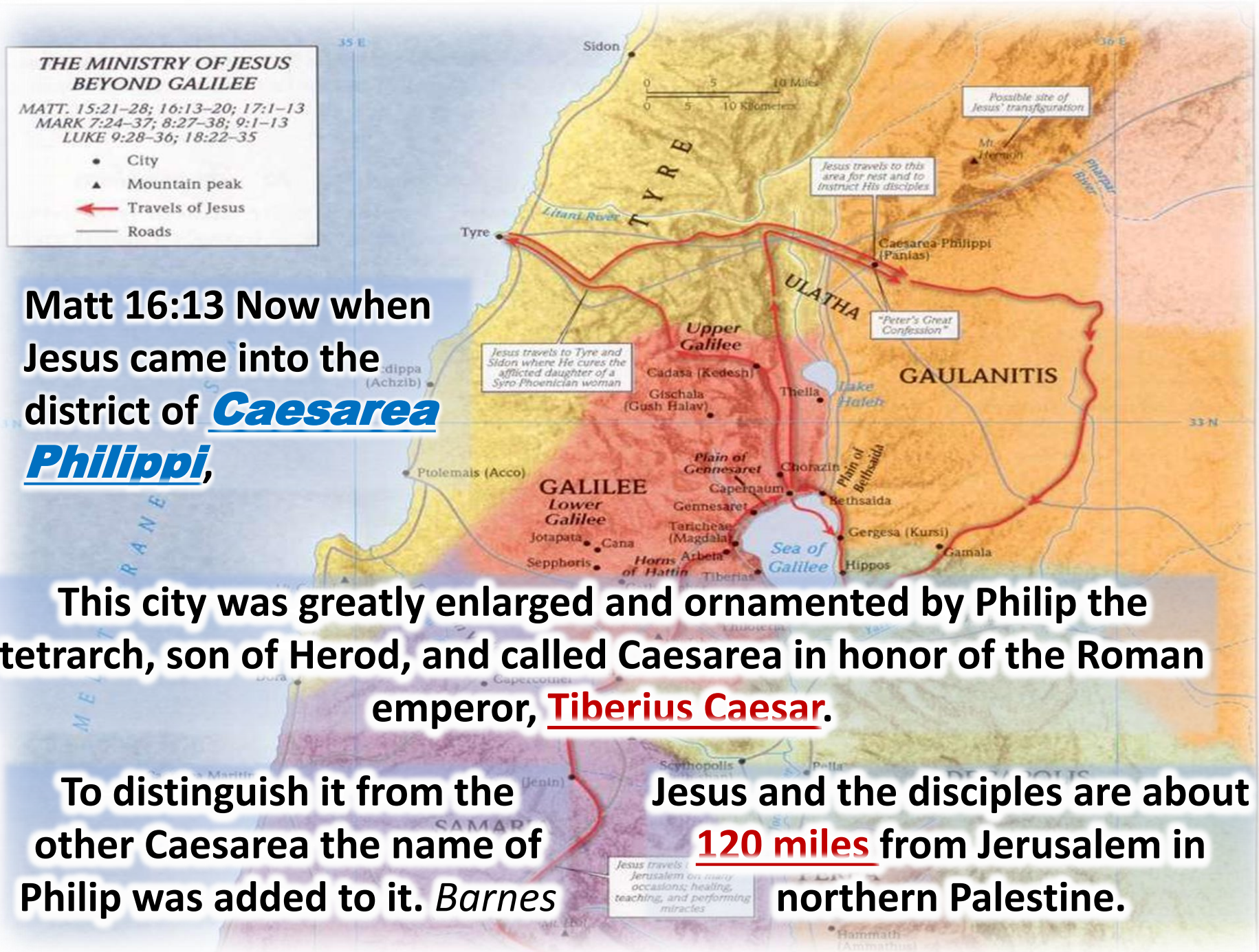
- City
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Matt 16:13 Now when  
Jesus came into the  
district of **Caesarea  
Philippi**,

This city was greatly enlarged and ornamented by Philip the  
tetrarch, son of Herod, and called Caesarea in honor of the Roman  
emperor, **Tiberius Caesar**.

To distinguish it from the  
other Caesarea the name of  
Philip was added to it. *Barnes*

Jesus and the disciples are about  
**120 miles** from Jerusalem in  
northern Palestine.





# Who is Jesus To You? Matt 16:13-16

Matt 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of ***Caesarea Philippi***,

The city is now **uninhabited**, an archaeological site in the Golan Heights.

The region was strongly identified with **various religions**: It had been a center for Baal worship; the Greek god Pan had shrines there; and Herod the Great had built a temple there to honor Augustus Caesar



# Who is Jesus To You? Matt 16:13-16

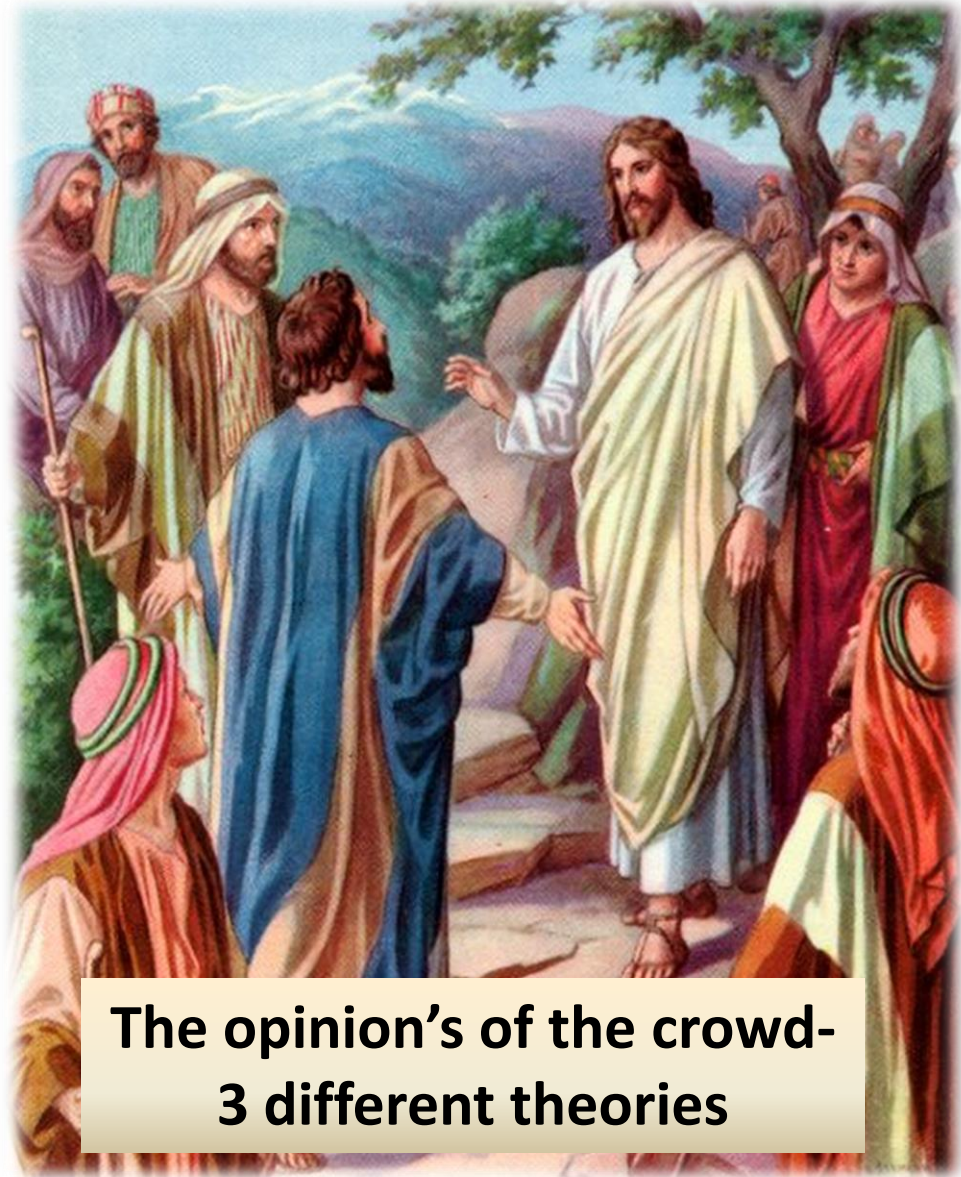
Matt 16:13 He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

We're closing in on the time of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. But before He does, there's 2 things He wants His disciples to be clear about:

1. Who He **IS**

2. What He's **GOING** to do

Jesus' question may only have been meant to introduce a conversation, through which he might teach. Pulpit



The opinion's of the crowd-  
3 different theories

# Who is Jesus To You? Matt 16:13-16

Matt 16:14 And they said,  
"Some say John the Baptist"

Just as Herod did, risen from the dead. (Matt 14:2)

Matt 14:1-2 ....Herod heard the news about Jesus, 2 and said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead,



***Their reasoning:*** because of John's preaching of repentance.

But Jesus was a far greater preacher than John, and He spoke with an authority that was astonishing. He not only spoke the Word of God, He is the Word! John *only pointed* to the Lamb of God, but Jesus PERSONIFIED the Lamb. BEC



# Who is Jesus To You? Matt 16:13-16

Matt 16:14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

***Their reasoning:*** It had been prophesied that Elijah would come again (Mal 4:5), and some thought that this prediction was fulfilled in Christ.

Jeremiah was the **weeping prophet** whose tender heart was broken at the sight of the decay of the nation. Certainly this attitude was seen in Jesus, the **Man of sorrows**.

Not Jeremiah? How about one of the **other prophets**?





# Who is Jesus To You? Matt 16:13-16

Matt 16:15 He said to them,  
"But who do you say that  
**I am?**"

Their answer  
will determine  
where they  
spend  
eternity...and  
your answer  
does the same.

Be careful as you  
take the test...you  
cannot afford to  
miss on this  
question. And you  
must answer not  
only with your  
head, intellectually,  
but with your  
heart, spiritually  
(Rom 10:9f)\*

This question is repeated in every age, over and over again.  
There is no gray area with this question...you cannot avoid it,  
**you must answer.**

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# Who is Jesus To You? Matt 16:13-16

4 answers that are given:

**“He’s a legend.**

It’s all made up. He never really was.”

But His reality is testified to by Josephus, Tacitus, Pliny, Suetonius.

**“He was a liar.**

He deceived people into thinking He was someone He was not. He was a good teacher, a good person who did good things, but He was not God in the flesh.” John 8:46

**“He was a lunatic.**

He was off in the head. Maybe sincere, but crazy...mentally deranged.” John 7:46

**“Or is He Lord?”** Was He who He claimed to be?





# Who is Jesus To You? Matt 16:13-16

4 answers that are given:

"He is **CHRIST**!"

Matt 16:16 Simon Peter answered, "**You are the Christ**, the Son of the living God."

Confess Him as Lord today (Phil 2:10-11)

All of these opinions were wrong, because you just can't compare Jesus to another man. He is unique, supreme, the Name above all names, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Isa 9:6



# Who is Jesus To You? Matt 16:13-16



Matt 16:18 I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.