

## WHO DO YOU SAY I (JESUS) AM?

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*The article was written to my Christian motorcycling brothers and sisters in 2013.*

The inspiration for this article came from a small part of the message Pastor Eddie Scheler (of St. Paul's Lutheran (Decatur, AL)) shared during our recent Biker Sunday visit. A Scripture blip (if I may) hit home with me (ref: Mt 16:13-17 or Lk 9:18-20). After the disciples had spent "time" with our Lord, He purposely asked his disciples, **"Who do the people say that I am?"** The disciples responded, "Some say John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets." *Then, my/our Lord got to the very point of His conversation with them; He asked the very question that everyone in all creation, from beginning to end of time has to answer at some point in our lives, and that question is ...* **"But what about you, who do you say I am?"**

For many in the world, it's sad to say, His name is used in vain. For others, He is of no count (i.e., agnostics), or they seriously do not believe Christ is the son of God. Still others, like the demons themselves, hate His very name. No matter whom you are, everyone has already answered the very question Jesus posed to His disciples, **"Who do you say I am?"** If the answer is not for Christ, it is not too late. For me, I'd like to be able to proclaim that He's my alpha and omega – the beginning and end of my every day, and everything in between, but the reality is there is still the flesh side of "David" that He (via the Holy Spirit) is still working on. My prayer near daily is, less of me, more of Him. I've grown to depend on, trust on, have faith in our Lord on so many aspects of my life but (there's that word again), I find "I" still get in the way at times and for sure slow the construction He's doing in my life. For certain, I have a closer walk with Him than I did 8-12 months ago and closer daily, I trust and pray. I'm reminded of the fact that even the two criminals who were being crucified alongside Christ answered that very question, out loud, in His presence: one in unbelief (doomed to hell) and the other in belief (to join His Master in paradise). Regardless of how you and I answer this question today, tomorrow, next week, or even next year, our standard (the very gauge by which we (via the Holy Spirit) compare to is always Christ; a Christian, being Christ like in everything we are. As Christians, with a common interest in motorcycles, motorcycling, and hearts to reach the lost, we're an association of brothers and sisters in Christ who are united to "Change the world, one heart at a time," for Christ. But, we cannot give what we do not have. You and I should make a point to answer this question daily, **"who is Jesus Christ to me?"**

I encourage you to daily, stay in the Word, stay in fellowship with Christians, and pray. We have the remainder of our calendar year ahead of us where we can fellowship together, and are of service and ministry in our motorcycling community.

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