

WHO IS THIS MAN?

THE UNBELIEVER'S DILEMMA

Mark 3:20-30 Jeff Schreve

"Who do people say that I am?" Mark 8:27

How will the unbeliever answer the question of Jesus?

1. Some will wrongly say He is a deranged man.

His family heard about all these things. They went to get him because people said he was crazy. Mark 3:21 ERV

A. Some said this because they did not understand Him.

"Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand." Matthew 13:13

Many of Jesus' disciples heard him and said, "This is too hard for anyone to understand." John 6:60 CEV

B. Some said this because it kept them from digging deeper.

C. This answer is not logical nor does it explain His miracles.

The Pharisees learned that Jesus had made the Sadducees look so foolish that they stopped trying to argue with him. So the Pharisees had a meeting. Matthew 22:34 ERV

2. Some will wrongly say He is a demon-possessed man.

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons." Mark 3:22

A. Some said this to account for His powers.

B. Some said this to insult Him to the greatest degree.

C. This answer is totally illogical.

"How can Satan cast out Satan? And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished!" Mark 3:23-26

And many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?" Others were saying, "These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?" John 10:20-21

3. Some will rightly say He is the God-man.

*"But no one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house."
Matthew 3:27*

A. The only one more powerful than Satan is God.

B. Jesus cannot be a good man, since He claimed to be God.

"Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?" Mark 2:7

Who do you say He is?