

# “Four Important Questions”

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Text: Matthew 22:42

Theme: Is Christ the Son of God?

## **Introduction:**

1. Give brief sketch leading up to Christ through:
  - a. Patriarchy promise, Genesis 3:15.
  - b. Judaism prophesy and preparation sacrifices.
2. Give the setting of Matthew 22:42.

## **Discussion: The four questions.**

- I. Who is Christ?
  - A. The Hebrew writer says, “he ever liveth.”
    1. Hebrews 7:25.
    2. Revelation 1:18.
  - B. Old and vital question.
    1. The testimony of his enemies.
      - a. Pilate and wife, “I find no fault,” Luke 23:4; Matthew 27:19.
      - b. Centurion: “Truly this man was the Son of God,” Mark 15:39.
      - c. Judas said, “I have betrayed innocent blood,” Matthew 27:4.
      - d. Napoleon, “No terms to compare Jesus with other men of the world.”
      - e. “The life and death of Jesus are those of God,” said Rosseau Mills, Rena and others.
    2. The testimony of his friends:
      - a. John the Baptist, “Behold the lamb of God,” John 1:29.

- b. Peter, "Thou art the Christ," Matthew 16:18.
  - c. John the apostle:
    - 1) John 20:30,32.
    - 2) John 1:46, John records the officers saying, "Never man spake like this man."
    - 3) John 8:46. John records Jesus' challenge of who can convince him of sin.
  - C. He is either mere man or the Son of God.
    - 1. If a mere man, he was a great impostor.
    - 2. If the Son of God, as he claimed, then we must follow him and do exactly what he says.
  - D. His work, life, witness, prove him to be the Son of God.
- II. How can I become his follower?- Matthew 23:21,22.
- A. Read and study the four gospels, John 20:30,31.
    - 1. Teach you faith in Christ as God's Son.
    - 2. They teach repentance.
      - a. Sorrow, change of will.
      - b. Forsaking sin and restitution for sin.
    - 3. Confession of Christ before men.
    - 4. Baptism for the remission of sins.
  - B. Book of Acts gives a picture of this obedience.
    - 1. Some things taught by this study-
      - 1. All become Christians same way.
      - 2. Only one law of induction.
      - 3. Jailer, Pentecostians, Saul of Tarsus.
    - 2. Must follow the will of Jesus.
      - a. Acts 4:12.
      - b. Matthew 23:21.
- III. How may I continue in Christ?
- A. Some say can't help but continuing.
    - 1. They believe in "once saved, always saved."
    - 2. But Peter says it is possible to fall.
      - a. "...make calling and election sure."
      - b. II Peter 1:5-10.
  - B. Read and study the New Testament epistles.
    - 1. They teach the Christian about his relationships to his fellow Christians, to the world, and to God.
    - 2. There is no relation in life in which he is not instructed.

3. Read especially such parts as:
  - a. Romans 12 (Christian living).
  - b. The book of Hebrews (steadfastness).

IV. What are the results of so continuing?

- A. Results do not come without commitment.
  1. The English say, "Does it pay?"
  2. The Americans say, "What does it cost?"
    - a. It is well to count the cost Luke 14:20-33.
    - b. No matter what the cost it is more than worth it Philippians 3:8-14.
- B. Last two chapters in the book of Revelation given to encourage the Christian and picture to him that which is in store for him.
  1. The city four square.
  2. Wherein is the tree of life.

### **Conclusion:**

1. Have these questions been answered for you?
  - a. Is Jesus truly God's Son to you?
  - b. If you say he is, you are dealing with divinity.
  - c. You should become and be his faithful follower now.
  - d. No matter what the cost may be, it pays.
2. Christ is anxious to be your savior.
  - a. This is the very reason he came to earth.
  - b. Matthew 10:28.

### **Invitation:**

### **Bibliography:**

This lesson is an adaptation of a lesson with this title by an unknown author.