

## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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### **Who do you say I am?**

As we enter the month of September, we are reminded that we are entering the last four months of the year. May be the right time to start asking the important questions like “What is the meaning of life? What happens after death? What career should I pursue? However, the most important questions for Christians should be “who do we say Jesus of Nazareth is? This was the question Jesus put to his disciples. Who do you say I am?

Although we can correctly say that Jesus was the child of a peasant woman, born in an obscure village, and grew up in another village, where he worked as a carpenter until the age of thirty years. Then for three years he became a wondering preacher. He never travelled more that 200 miles, he did not go to any college or University. He had no credentials but himself. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness.

Public opinion turned against him as a young man. To the extent that his friends ran away. One denied him three times, and another turned a traitor, and he was nailed on the Cross between two thieves. While he was dying on the cross his executioners gambled with his garment. When he died, he was buried in a borrowed grave. He became the first fruit of the living dead who rose from death on the third day. After 2000 years, Jesus is, for many, still the central figure of the human race.

For Christians hold that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God. God made man, who humbled himself, even to the point of death on the cross and rose again on the third day.

**Bible passage** Matthew 16. 13 – 16.

**Prayer.** Lord teach us to know you as the Son of the living God, God made man and let us know you and to make you known, until we see you face to face in heaven. Amen.