



## Getting a Grip On Jesus

### Get a Grip #1

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#### Matt. 16:13-14

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, **“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”** <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.”

(NASB)

**Q: How did the people fail to get a grip on Jesus?**

#### John 5:36-47

**“But the testimony which I have is greater than the testimony of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish — the very works that I do — testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.** <sup>37</sup> **“And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form.** <sup>38</sup> **“You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.** <sup>39</sup> **“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; <sup>40</sup> and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life. <sup>41</sup> “I do not receive glory from men; <sup>42</sup> **but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.** <sup>43</sup> **“I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him. <sup>44</sup> “How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God? <sup>45</sup> “Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup> “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. <sup>47</sup> “But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”****

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1. They didn’t understand what Jesus was really doing (vs. 36).  
**He was working for God’s Kingdom, not theirs!**
2. They didn’t have the Word of God in them (vs. 37).  
**You can spend time reading the Bible and not take it in... Application leads to transformation!**

3. They didn’t really love God (vs. 42).  
**They didn’t want what God wants!**

4. They did things to get glory from each other, not God (vs. 44).  
**Being seen as righteous can become more important than actually being righteous!**

#### Matt. 16:15-17

He said to them, **“But who do you say that I am?”** <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, **“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to him, **“Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.**

(NASB)

**Because Peter got a grip on Jesus,  
he saw Him for who He really is!**

1. “You are the Christ” (vs. 16)  
**The Christ is the one who has been anointed King.**
2. “The Son of the Living God” (vs. 16)  
**Being God’s Son is Not about Paternity... it’s about being God’s image and ruling for God.**

**Who do YOU SAY Jesus is?**

**Q. Which do you have a grip on?**

- A. The real Jesus
- B. The Jesus you WANT to be real