



## **Interpreting Jesus** April 28<sup>th</sup> / April 29<sup>th</sup>

**Speaker:** Joshua Symonette

**Scripture:** Matthew 16:13-17

### **Sermon Summary:**

When Jesus asked his disciples, “who do you say that I am,” he was gauging to see whether they had the right interpretation. Many people have become angry at the church or walked away completely because Jesus’ followers have the wrong interpretation. So, the question is, do you have a true interpretation and from where did it come?

### **Sermon Series Questions:**

1. What did God reveal to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. What is one element of God’s character you learned?

### **Sermon Specific Questions:**

1. **ICEBREAKER:** Growing up, who was your favorite superhero?
2. What comes to mind when you think about the word, “savior?” How does Jesus fit your view of a savior? How does Jesus show up different?
3. What do you think other people (e.g. coworkers, classmates, family, friends) say or think about you?
4. When Jesus comes on the scene as the Messiah, he shows up *differently* than what was expected. In your different roles in life (work, home, school, etc.), how do you show up *differently* than the expectations placed upon you?

## **Digging Deeper**

### **A True Revelation of Jesus (Activity)**

In Matthew 16, Jesus asks Peter a series of questions: (1) *Who do PEOPLE say I am*, and (2) *Who do YOU say I am*. This weekend, Pastor Joshua challenged all of us to find a true revelation about Jesus. Sometimes, we need to confront t

1. On an index card or piece of paper, answer the following question: “What do other people say about Jesus?”
2. On the back of the card or paper, answer the following question: “What do you say about Jesus?”
3. With your group, discuss your answers with one another.
  - *How are your answers to the two questions similar? How are they different?*
  - *How did you come to your revelation?*
  - *What stories from your life revealed this aspect of Jesus?*
  - *What scriptures validate your revelation of who Jesus is?*
4. If some group members had difficulty with question #2, spend some time wrestling with Pastor Joshua’s questions:
  - *What would it look like for you to diligently seek and investigate the real full picture of Jesus?*
  - *Who are safe people you can sit down with to study and unpack your questions?*
  - *How can you make this a priority in your schedule?*

### **Recommended Resources**

**Coming to America** (Movie)

**Who is This Man?** – John Ortberg

**Windows into the Bible** – Mark Turnage