

Consider these seven credentials of Jesus:

He lived a sinless life (Heb. 4:15).

He fulfilled scores of Old Testament prophecies (Luke 24:25-27).

He made predictions of His own, many of which have already been fulfilled (Matt. 24:2; 14, 35).

He performed many miraculous works, even raising the dead (Matt. 11:2-5; John 11:43, 44).

He rose from the dead (Matt. 28:1-8; Acts 2:24).

He has broken the chains of sinful habit in countless millions of lives (II Cor. 5:17).

He allowed Himself to be addressed as "God", and accepted the worship which belongs only to God (John 20:28).

As we examine these credentials of Jesus, three further questions arise:

What better credentials could He offer?

If God were to come and dwell among men today, could He give more conclusive proof of His Deity?

Is there any other personality in all history who has a better claim to Deity than Jesus Christ?

### 3.—THE CHALLENGE OF JESUS CHRIST

His challenge is logical, direct, winsome and personal. He says to each one of us: "You have heard My claims. You have examined My credentials. What are you going to do with this evidence? What are you going to do with ME?"

If Jesus was just an ordinary man, we could afford to treat Him with indifference, flippancy, or contempt. But if He is GOD—this changes everything! He becomes our King! Indifference to Him becomes treason and we owe Him the undivided worship of our hearts.

*Conclusion* Matt. 27:22: "What then shall I do with Jesus which is called Christ?"

Our eternal destiny depends upon the answer we give to this question. Pilate, the Roman governor, wrestled with it in days of old, and it challenges every man who comes face to face with Jesus Christ today.

Only two courses are open to us. We can accept Jesus, or we can reject Him. We can crucify Him afresh, or we can crown Him as the undisputed Master of our lives. There is no middle ground.

Romans 10:9: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."