

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED UPON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

IS JESUS THE ONE?

Luke 7:18 “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

There are some questions that are asked over and over, again and again. No matter how well they are answered, people keep asking them. Today's devotional verse find John the Baptist's disciples coming to Jesus to ask Him a critical spiritual question: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” In fact, within just a couple of verses they asked the question twice.

This question of John the Baptist's disciples was a Messianic one. For several thousand years the Jewish people lived, expecting God to send the one He promised to take away the sins of the world. Over those thousands of years, the people had asked that question, starting with Eve at the birth of her third son Seth. Eve wondered whether he was the fulfillment of God's promise found in Genesis 3:15.

The birth of Jesus and His public ministry over the last three plus years of His earthly life intensified the inquiries of the people as to who He was. To John's disciples question Jesus gave this answer, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.” Jesus' answer pointed them back to the prophesy of Isaiah. (29:18-19)

Today people still are asking the question “are you the one?” A little more than half (48 percent) of the United States population believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God the Father. Fewer people (15 percent) believe that the Son of God existed prior to the birth of Jesus. God grant you faith to believe and confess that Jesus is The Christ (the promised one) sent to save you from your sins and is the only one through whom you will receive everlasting life. (John 3:16-17)

Prayer: Grant unto me Dear Father in heaven an unshakeable faith in Your Son Jesus as the way, the truth and the light. Amen.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing, In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead;
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever and for all.

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