



A matter of perspective

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³⁰They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.



³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

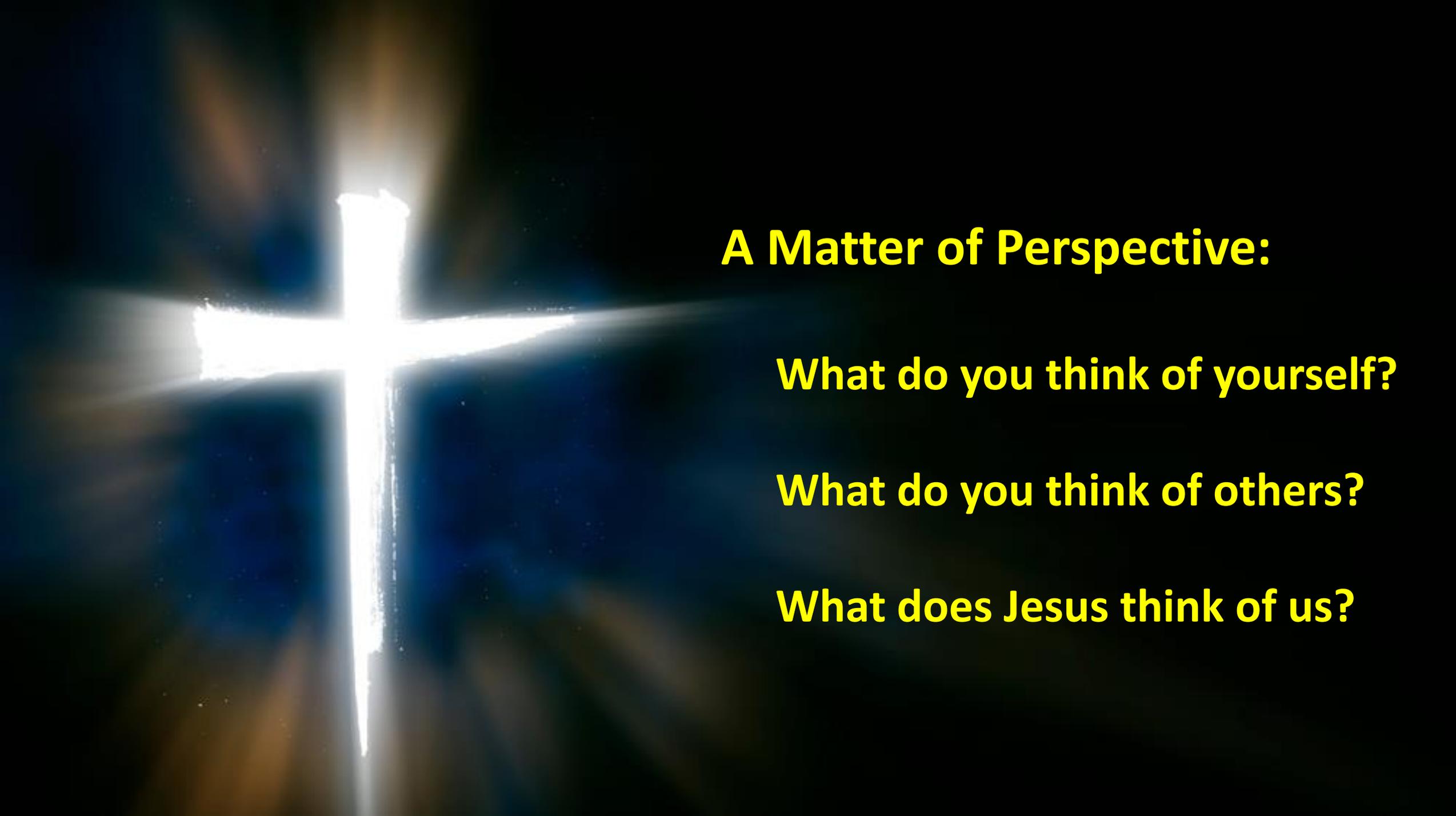
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³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."



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What do you think of yourself?

What do you think of others?

What does Jesus think of us?

“Destroy this temple and I will raise it again in 3 days” -
John 2:19

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” - Matthew 12:38-41



Who do
you say
I am?



“You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.... I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am who I am.” — John 13:7,19

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. — John 2:22

What do you think of yourself?

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”
Rev 22:13

In humility value others above yourselves have the same mindset as Christ Jesus
Philippians 2:3



- If you want to be first, you must be last
- “In My name”

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
John 14: 13

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go.....”
Matthew 28:18

What do you think of others?

“In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.”
..... “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?”
Acts 19: 13-15

For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many.
Matthew 24:5



- “They’re not one of us!”
- By their fruit you will recognize them

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me
John 15:4

What does Jesus think of us?

“Are you for us or for our enemies?”

“Neither,” he replied

Joshua 5:13-14



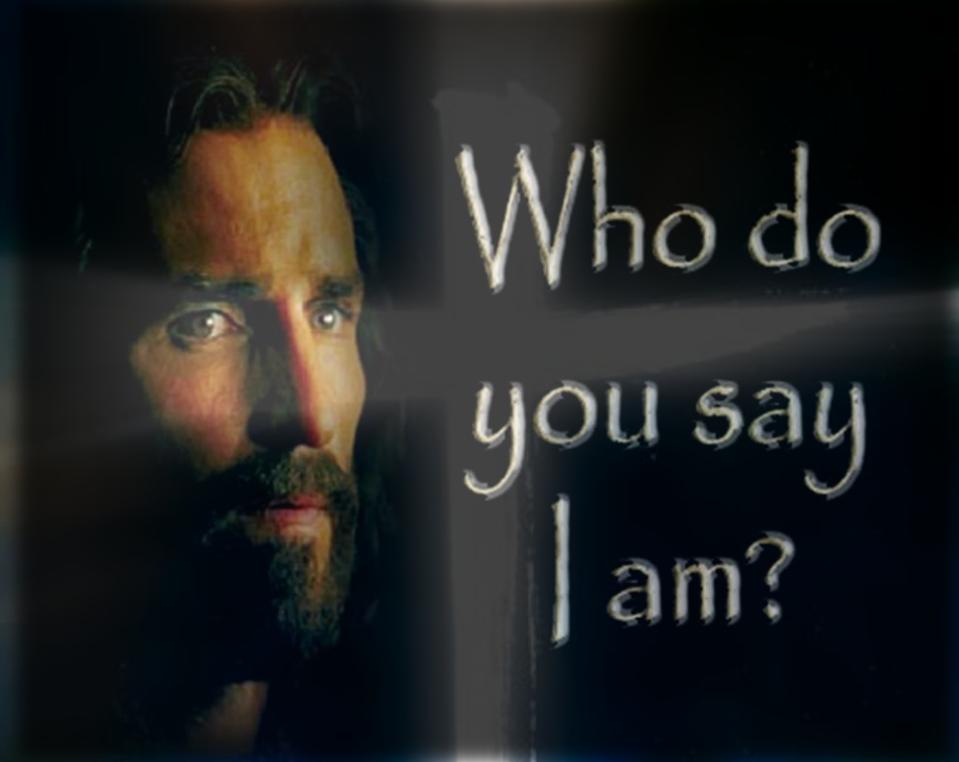
“Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.”

Joshua 5:15; Exodus 3:5

- We have to choose a side.....
- ... But Jesus doesn't take sides with us
- He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise,he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9



Who do
you say
I am?

- I am the light of the world
- I am the bread of life
- I am the good shepherd
- I am the sheep gate
- I am the way the truth and the life
- I am the resurrection and the life
- I am the true vine
- I am the alpha and the omega

..... I am who I am