

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

"What You Believe Makes All the Difference"

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THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, August 3, 2008

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-23

Questions:

1. Discuss the C.S. Lewis quote:

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.'

"That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level of the man who says he is a poached egg -- or else he would be incredible liar.

"You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God.

"But let us not have any nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

2. Discuss the "DO" versus the "DONE" concept of Christianity.

3. Discuss the substitutionary concept of Christ on the cross comparing it to Father Kolbe in the Auschwitz concentration camp.

4. Share a practical application from the sermon.