## **WHAT SAY YOU?**

There was a day when Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi with his disciples, and he asked them a rather strange question...

## "Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am?"

(Matthew 16:13)

This same question still applies in the present day. As we are approaching the celebration of Easter, better yet, *Resurrection Day*, we think of those who will be celebrating an event that points to a man and they don't know who he really is.

The disciples shared with Jesus the many different ideas that the people had concerning who they thought Jesus was. Their answers are still the thoughts of many today. There are many people that view Jesus as just a "good man" or a "great teacher." The truth being that they still really don't know who Jesus is.

To understand who and why Jesus is the center of attention in the upcoming celebration, let us consider a single statement found in 1 Corinthians 15:3 –

## "Christ died for our sins..."

This single statement should cause any thinking individual to ask, "Who could do such a thing as dying to pay the price for humanity's sin?"

This was the cause for the death of Jesus, he died to pay the sin debt we owed to God. If he died only as a man, then he is still in the grave. But we celebrate an empty tomb, so he must have been more than a mere man, he must be **God!** 

To celebrate what happened on the first **Resurrection Day**, is to realize who made it happen –

Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, who is God the Son.

What say you?

Do you *know* the Jesus of the Empty Tomb?