

THE CREDENTIALS OF JESUS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:15-20

Introduction:

1. There are many who claim to be somebody great.
2. Jesus is the only one to have all the proper credentials to our Lord and Savior!
3. These credentials include the following:

I. PROPHECIES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. FROM THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

1. He would be born in Bethlehem –Mt 2:6; Mic 5:2
2. He would be called out of Egypt –Mt 2:15; Hos 11:1
3. He would be called a Nazarene –Mt 2:23

B. FROM THE BOOK OF JOHN

1. Soldiers would gamble for His clothing –Jn 19:23, 24; Ps 22:18
2. No bones would be broken –Jn 19:33, 36; Ex 12:46
3. They would look upon Him they had pierced –Jn 19:37; Zec 12:10

II. VOICE FROM HEAVEN –Mt 17:5

A. THE FATHER FROM HEAVEN

1. He declared that Jesus was His Son in whom He is well pleased
2. He made it clear that He is the one to be heard! –Ref. Heb 1:1-3

B. THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

1. Jesus fulfilled the Law –Mt 5:17, 18; Co 2:14
2. The prophets all pointed to Jesus. No prophet today has the credential voice from heaven!

III. HIS POWER

A. THE DIVISION AMONG THE CROWD –Jn 7:25-31

1. Some doubted that He was the Christ to come
2. Others questioned how can anyone out perform what He has done –vs 31

B. HIS CREDENTIALS

1. He healed the blind, lame, lepers, and raised the dead
2. Demons feared Him –Mt 8:28-34

IV. HIS WORDS

A. HE SPOKE LIKE NO OTHER

1. He spoke with authority –Mt 7:28, 29
2. Some were afraid to lay a hand on Him for the way He spoke –Jn 7:45, 46

B. HIS WORDS WERE WITHOUT FLAW –Mt 22:15-46; Mk 12:13-37

1. The Scribes and Pharisees were trying to catch Him in His words
2. They were no match for His divine wisdom of the word!

V. HIS RESURRECTION

A. PROOF OF THE RESURRECTION

1. The eye witness accounts -1Co 15:3-8
2. The boldness of Peter –Ac 4:8-14

B. BENEFITS OF THE RESURRECTION -1Co 15:55-58

1. Death has been swallowed up in victory!
2. Our labor is not in vain in the Lord! –Ref. 2Ti 4:6-8

Conclusion:

1. All other would-be prophets fall short when their credentials are compared to Jesus!
2. This gives us great confidence in Jesus with whom we have invested our faith
3. The faith we have in Jesus is our great confidence -1Jn 5:13