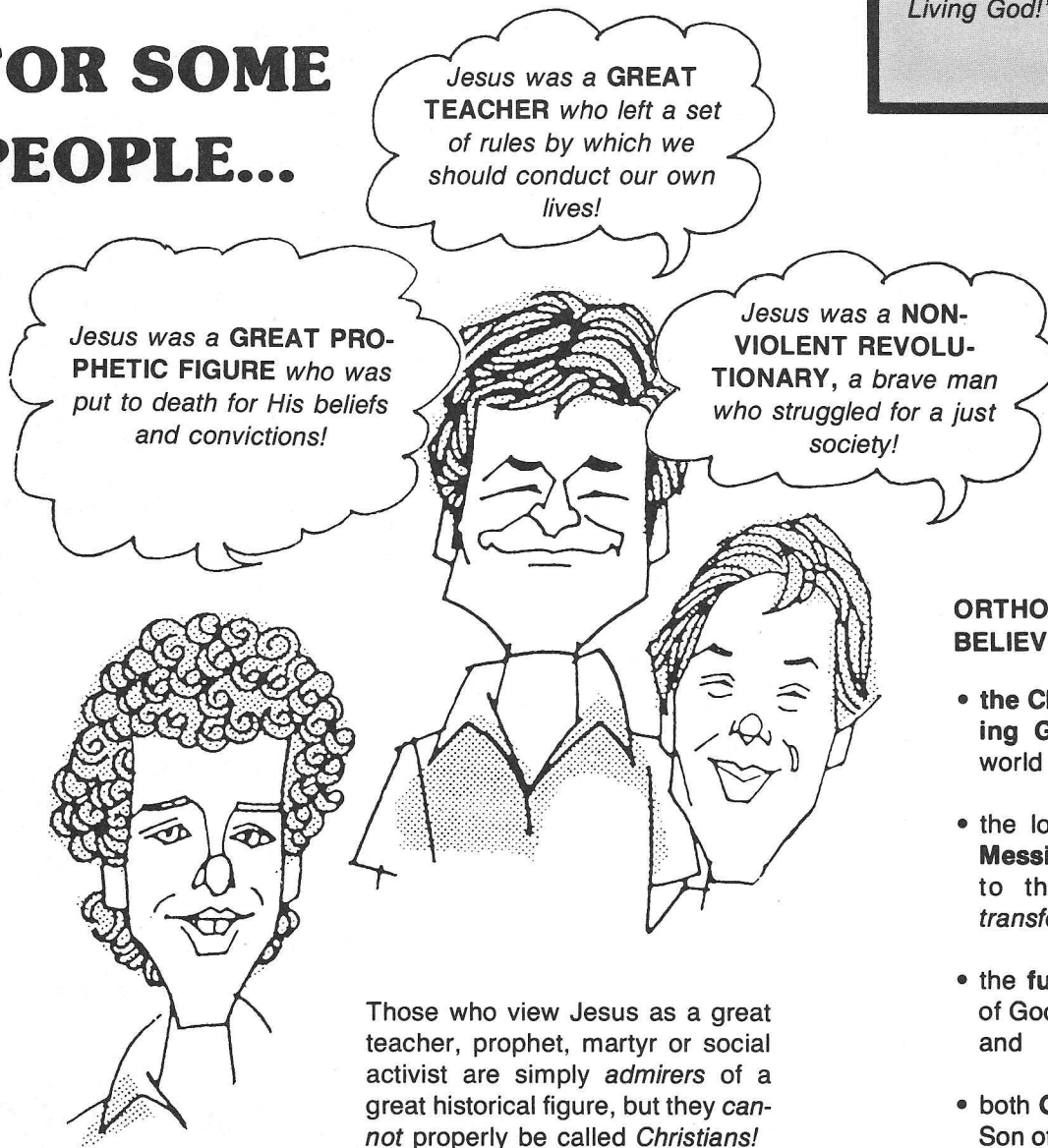


# WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Jesus Christ once asked this question of Peter and the other apostles.

It is a question that we — centuries later — still ask.

## FOR SOME PEOPLE...



Jesus was a **GREAT PROPHETIC FIGURE** who was put to death for His beliefs and convictions!

Jesus was a **GREAT TEACHER** who left a set of rules by which we should conduct our own lives!

Jesus was a **NON-VIOLENT REVOLUTIONARY**, a brave man who struggled for a just society!

Those who view Jesus as a great teacher, prophet, martyr or social activist are simply *admirers* of a great historical figure, but they *cannot* properly be called *Christians*!

### You are the Christ!

Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!"

—Matthew 16:13-16

### ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS

- the **Christ, the Son of the Living God**, who came into the world to save sinners;
- the long-awaited **Saviour and Messiah**, the One who came into the world to save and transform fallen creation;
- the **fulfillment and perfection** of God's revelation to mankind; and
- both **God and man**, the eternal Son of God who, while retaining His divinity, took on our human nature in order to make us holy.

Our Faith is not found in theories or regulations or rules. Our faith is essentially in a *person*. **Jesus Christ is that person.** And He asks *each of us* the same question he asked Peter; "Who do you say I am?"

**Peter's answer is still our answer today.** "You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the Living God." This is the way we look upon Jesus Christ. **This is our faith!**