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## 1<sup>st</sup> Question:

- “*Who do the people say I am?*”

## 1<sup>st</sup> Decision:

- When it comes to Jesus, am I going to follow the crowd, or come to my own answer?

## 2nd Question:

- “*But what about you? Who do you think I am?*”

## 2nd Decision:

- Is Jesus who he claims to be?

*Or*

- Is Jesus:
  - a Liar?
  - a Lunatic?

*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 level with the man who says he is a poached egg, or else he would be evil - the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either Jesus is who he said he is - the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse . . . but let us not come up with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that option open to us. He did not intend to.*

*C.S. Lewis*

*<sup>31</sup>Jesus then began to teach them that he must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.*

*<sup>33</sup>But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter, “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”*

*<sup>34</sup>Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, they must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.”*

*<sup>36</sup> “What good is it for a person to gain the whole world, at the cost of their soul? <sup>37</sup>What could you ever trade your soul for?”*

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### 3rd Question:

- “*What good is it for someone to gain the whole world at the cost of their soul?*”
- “*What could you ever trade your soul for?*”

### 3rd Decision:

- Do I really believe Jesus is God?
- What am I willing to trade my soul for?

## Some Implications For Us:

- My soul must be very important!
- Jesus says it's the most important thing I possess.
- The “soul” of First Baptist Church will be found in following Jesus.
  - What is our “soul” worth to us?
- The “vision” of FBC must be Jesus, himself!

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