



## **The Story & Way of Jesus**

### **The Limited View of the Messiah**

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Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.” Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 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 concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”



“Three major areas of life occupied the energies of the prophets a lot of time. First, there was the spiritual aspect, concerned with the people’s relationship with God, the threat of idolatry and the hypocrisy of worship that was unrelated to practical moral living. Second, there was the social and economical aspect, concerned with the processes in Israel’s society that were causing poverty, exploitation, debt and corruption. And third, there was the political aspect, concerned with the use and abuse of power by those who wielded it - in the palace, the temple, the courts, etc.”

- Christopher Wright, *Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament*

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### **Matthew 16:13-20**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

### **Jeremiah 23:5-8**

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called. The Lord Our Righteous Savior. ‘So then, the days are coming’, declares the Lord, ‘when people will no longer say, ‘As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt,’ but they will say, ‘As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the descendants of Israel up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.’ Then they will live in their own land.”



*A superhero or superheroine is a stock character that possesses superpowers, abilities beyond those of ordinary people, and fits the role of the hero, typically using his or her powers to help the world become a better place, or dedicating themselves to protecting the public and fighting crime.*

Jesus you're my superhero  
You're my star, my best friend  
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Better than Spiderman  
Better than Superman  
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Better than Barbie  
Better than Action Man  
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“Most scholars agree that the ‘Son of Man’ was not a messianic title or figure in the intertestamental Jewish writings. That is, the people of Jesus’ day, whatever else they were hoping for in the way of a messiah, they were not on the lookout for a ‘Son of Man. This meant that by using it for himself Jesus could avoid the package of misunderstandings surrounding other familiar messianic titles and instead fill this term with meaning that was based on his own true perception of who he was and what he had come for.”

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### **Genesis 3:14-15**

“So the Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, ‘Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.’”

“The Greek phrase hypage opisō mou [get behind me] is highly interesting, as it may be understood as a Semitic idiom for commanding someone to get out of sight, or get back in line (i.e. get back to discipleship principles). A similar phrase, deute opisō mou, is used in 1:17, where Jesus summoned his disciples, especially Peter, to follow him. Hence, Jesus is not saying “get lost” to Peter but “get back in line.”

- Kim Huat Tan, *Mark: New Covenant Commentary Series*

### **Acts 10:36-43**

“You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ‘We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.”