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Now before you answer "Who is Jesus?", let me tell you who some other men and women thought Him to be. Some said He was John the Baptist, Elijah, or that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life (Luke 9:19). But Jesus asked, "What about you, who do you say that I am?" (Luke 9:20) Why is this question of such a vital nature? God has stated that in all the world salvation is to be found in no one else but His Son. (Acts 4:12) To have a faulty view of Jesus Christ could have the most serious eternal consequences. When a man asked one day what must he do to be saved, the apostle Paul replied, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved..." (Acts 16:31) Believing in the Scripture does not mean just acknowledging some mental credence. To rely upon, trust and commit ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ we must understand who He is. First of all, He is the Lord. The word "Lord" implies Master, Ruler, the one who has the right to control your life. This word also implies deity.

Secondly, He is Jesus. The word "Jesus" means "God is salvation" and implies Jesus' saving work. Savior implies "one who rescues another." It is very much like a person who rescues another person from drowning, so that they might live. So, Jesus rescues people from perishing so that they might have eternal life.

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course by coming out from under the jurisdiction, control, and possession of the kingdom of darkness. (Colossians 1:13-14) The apostle Paul describes this as turning from darkness to light, and from Satan to God so that we might receive the forgiveness of our sins. (Acts 26:18) This is another way of describing "repentance." Repentance is not man's self effort to clean up his life, rather repentance is to recognize one's sin, to hate it and turn one's back on it by fleeing to Christ.

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