

# Christ's Identity in His Earthly Career

Who  
am  
I?

16:13-20

Words and Works

Revealing His Messiahship

Death and Resurrection

Verifying His Messiahship

16:21  
"From that time"  
Ch. 1

Ch. 16

Ch. 28

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# Christology in Matthew

## Who Jesus IS

(His Person)

1:1-16:20

## What He came to DO

(His Work)

16:21-28:20

Note 4:17

*"From that time*

Jesus began to preach...

(to all)

Note 16:21

*"From that time*

Jesus began to show...

(to disciples)

## Ministry emphases:

Multitudes

Disciples

North

South

To Live His Life

To Give His Life

General Opposition

Specific Opposition

Many Miracles

Few Miracles

(Modified from Irving Jensen)

## Matthew 17

### The King's Glory Seen Briefly

16:28-17:8      The Transfiguration

17:9-13          Elijah and John the Baptist

This contains Jesus' second prediction of His upcoming death and resurrection.

17:14-21          Casting out a demon/healing  
an epileptic

17:22-23          Third prediction of Jesus'  
death & resurrection

17:24-27          Paying the Temple Tax

# The Transfiguration

Matthew 16:28-17:8

"There are some mysterious things, no doubt, in the vision here described . . . Our ideas and perceptions about glorified bodies and dead saints must necessarily be vague and imperfect."

(C.R. Erdman)

## Some significances of the Transfiguration

--to the King, Whose glory is here revealed:

It prepared Him for the pain and death He was soon to endure.

It assured Him again of His Divine Sonship.

It reminded Him that if He lost His life, He would find it.

--to Christ's disciples:

Their belief in the Divine nature of the Lord was no doubt strengthened by this vision of His glory.

The mysterious predictions about Christ's death and resurrection were confirmed by what they saw and heard.

The reality of His return was made more real.

Their willingness to be true followers of Christ was greatly enhanced.

## Elijah and John the Baptist     Matthew 17:9-13

Why did the disciples ask, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”

Malachi 4:5-6

Cf. Matthew 11:13-15

See Mark 9:12-14, Luke 1:17, John 1:19-21

## Second Prediction of His Death and Resurrection

“. . . until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”  
v.9

“Likewise the Son of Man is about to suffer at  
their hands.”                      v. 12

# Casting out a demon/healing an epileptic

Matthew 16:14-21

## The father's involvement

His posture

His plea

His explanation

His disappointment

## Jesus' response

His rebuke/frustration

His compassion in action

Note Christ's supremacy over the

--spiritual realm

--physical realm

## The disciples' participation

Their question

Jesus' answer