

Who is this Man? July 14 – Pastor Peter

Matthew 8:23-2	QUESTIONS:
"Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with His disciples. Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke Him up, shouting, 'Lord, save us! We're going to drown!' Jesus responded, 'Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!' Then He got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. The disciples were amazed. 'Who is this man?' they asked. 'Even the winds and waves obey Him!' When Jesus arrived on the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gadarenes, two men who were possessed by demons met Him. They came out of the tombs and were so violent that no one could go through that area. They began screaming at Him, 'Why are you interfering with us, Son of God?'"	Does God's power have any limit? 2. Is his power working within us and through us?
1. He Has All Power	
His power is pure. His power is holy.	
And He chooses to channel His power through His people. God takes our 'not enough' and He empowers it.	3. How does God
Daniel 3:17,18 "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if He doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."	empower us?
'But even if' They have faith in God and in His power and they have complete trust.	
With God there's always a but.	
Dan. 3:24,25 "But suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in amazement and exclaimed to his advisers, 'Didn't we tie up three men and throw them into the furnace?' 'Yes, Your Majesty, we certainly did,' they replied. 'Look!' Nebuchadnezzar shouted. 'I	

see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!"	QUESTIONS: 1. Does God know all things? Including what we
We can trust God and have faith in Him and in His power.	things? Including what we think and say in secret?
God is all-powerful and, by faith, His power is released in us and through us.	
Eph. 6:10 "A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."	
2. He Has All Knowledge	
Matt. 9:3 "But some of the teachers of religious law said to themselves, 'That's blasphemy! Does He think He's God?'"	
Matt. 9:4 "Jesus supernaturally perceived their thoughts, and said to them, 'Why do you carry such evil in your hearts?'"	2. Is this a good thing?
Jesus supernaturally knows what they're thinking because He knows everything.	
Jesus knows us and He still loves you unconditionally.	
3. He Doesn't Change	
Acts 28:3-6 "As Paul gathered an armful of sticks and was laying them on the fire, a poisonous snake, driven out by the heat, bit him on the hand. The people of the island saw it hanging from his hand and said to each other, 'A murderer, no doubt! Though he escaped the sea, justice will not permit him to live.' But Paul shook off the snake into the fire and was unharmed. The people waited for him to swell up or suddenly drop dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw that he wasn't harmed, they changed their minds and decided he was a god."	3. What does Jesus love for you mean knowing he loves you even knowing all from you?
People and their opinions are not consistent, but Jesus is.	
In contrast, what we read of Jesus' life remains consistent to this very day.	

It's impossible for Him to change because God can't change.

	QUESTIONS:
Heb. 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."	1. Does God change?
He doesn't change, and His purpose doesn't change.	
Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."	
	2. How is that helpful?
John 10:10 "A thief has only one thing in mind - he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect - life in its fullness until you overflow!"	
How's He going to do this? How's He going to save the lost.	
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How's He going to give us a life that overflows?	3. How is Jesus going to save the lost and give us
Phil. 2:7,8 "He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!"	life that overflows?
The central reason that the Son of God came was to offer Himself and give His life on the Cross for us.	
Rev. 13:8 "the Lamb who was slaughtered before the world	
was made."	
Jesus knew the enormous price He would have to pay before people	
were even created and before the first people sinned against God.	1 What was the price
	4. What was the price Jesus paid for us?
4. What's The Impact	
Through Jesus, we have a family history and a family connection.	
John 1:12 "But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God."	
Gal 3:26 "For you are all children of Gad through faith in Christ	
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We Have Security	QUESTIONS:
We Have Authority	1. How are we included in God's family?
We Carry His Image	
Matt. 22:18-21 "But Jesus knew their evil motives. 'You hypocrites!' He said. 'Why are you trying to trap me? Here, show me the coin used for the tax.' When they handed Him a Roman coin, He asked, 'Whose picture and title are stamped on it?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. 'Well, then,' He said, 'give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.'"	2. How are we, his
God's image is on us.	image?
God needed somebody to show the world what He looked like or He would have just been a concept.	
God needed somebody to show His nature through.	
So He made us. And as we give ourselves to God, we increasingly and powerfully carry His image wherever we go.	
Putting it all together	3. What does being in God's family give us?
1. His power has no limit. For him, nothing is impossible. He also channels his power through his people. He manifests his power through and in us as he pleases. We can trust and have faith in him and his power. We should not doubt of what God can do, because for him nothing is possible. We need to come to him with a faith that does not doubts his power.	
2. He knows everything. If he knows all, including our thoughts and desires, would that make us feel more comfortable? It should. We should not see or feel it as a privacy breach but as an encouraging truth. If we already know that we cannot hide anything from him, would that not give us the confidence to come before him without faking or pretending anything? We should base our relationship with	

him with full trust. He is our best friend because he knows us even better than we know ourselves.	
3. He doesn't change. That gives us confidence. There is no variation in God's character. We are not dependent on how He woke	
up this morning. Is he mad? Did he have a bad night sleep? Is he hangry? No. God is consistent. And that gives us confidence because we know that he is consistent, always. We don't have to guess how he feels if we know him.	
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4. What's the impact. We are adopted as his children. We are made part of his family. This gives us security and authority. We are made to his image and his image is on us. When we give ourselves to God we increase his influence in us and show powerfully his image in us.	
ACTION STEPS:	