**Farewell Discourse Pt 4- The Jesus Question**

**Our heartfelt questions of Jesus reveal a fundamental desire to truly understand God.**

***9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.* John 14:8-11**

**If Jesus is God and all that he says is true, then his truth must directly impact how we live and the decisions we make.**

***4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.* Deuteronomy 4:6**

***7 “‘You shall have no other gods before me.”* Deuteronomy 5:7**

***Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” 62 And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” 63 And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? 64 You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death.* Mark 14:61-64**

***“Return, faithless Israel, declares the Lord. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful, declares the Lord; I will not be angry forever. 13 Only acknowledge your guilt, that you rebelled against the Lord your God…”* Jeremiah 3:12-13**

 **We can confess our lack of faith to God b*ecause he is merciful.***

***if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 23 And Jesus said to him, “‘If you can’! All things are possible for one who believes.” 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”* Mark 9:24-14**

**True confession is telling God that I understand why I was wrong not just admitting that what I did was wrong.**

**Each one of us must personally deal with Jesus’ claims to be God.**

**Does your life and direction reflect that Jesus is helpful or that he is essential?**

**“You have an imaginary Christ and if you are satisfied with an imaginary Christ you must be satisfied with an imaginary salvation.” -John Owen**

**It is foolish to think that we can enjoy the benefits of Christ’s salvation without accepting the challenges of his Lordship.**