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May 29, 2025 – Jesus, Our Magnificent Obsession – Erlinda Cruz

## ***“Who Do You Say That I Am?” (Part 2)***

Jesus said, “Yes, I am that tender Shepherd, I am a holiness preacher like John, and I am a supernatural prophet like Elijah. I am a tender person who cares for the hurting people, to recover them in God.”

Verse 15.

Here is the key verse.

You want to circle verse 15.

Jesus looks them right in the eyes. He says, “Here is the real issue that I am building up to.” The whole Church is built on this one question to the leadership—“Who do You think I am? Not only what do I do, but who I am.”

The number one question of the hour in any generation of the church— it is so the important question right now for the Body of Christ, for the leadership in the Church; again, whatever assignment you have in the kingdom, whether in a pulpit or in a boardroom, whatever assignment you have, this is the premier issue—Who do you think He is?

Peter speaks up, verse 16, “You are the Christ.” Now the word Christ is Greek.

In Hebrew He is the Messiah or the Anointed One.

You are the “Anointed One.” At a first reading, you might say Peter was only saying, “You are the One who forgives the people for their sins.” Peter is not saying, “You are the forgiver of their sins.” That is not what He is saying.

He says, “You are the culmination of all the Old Testament prophecies about somebody who is fully human, who is fully God, who is Bridegroom, King and Judge. It is all coming together in one man. You are that man.” I mean, this was the hugest statement that he made.

Again, we could read it just from a superficial point of view and think Peter said, “You are the One that forgives us from our sins,” but that is not at all that Peter was saying. We are thinking of Daniel 7, the Son of Man. Also thinking of Isaiah 2, Isaiah 9, Isaiah 11—so many dynamic passages. And Micah 4, Micah 5, there is One who is described.

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And He says, “You are that man. The only One.” Jesus said, “You are right, Peter,” (verse 17), “flesh and blood did not reveal this to you.” Meaning, you did not hear this at a Bible study where somebody pointed it out. A man did not teach this to you. You did not have a discussion over there and you figured it out. This was a supernatural revelation. Beloved, let me say this. It is a supernatural revelation to grow in knowledge of the Christ.

The fullness of who He is as God and the fullness of who He is as man—the combination of the two of them in fullness. It takes a Holy Spirit escort.

Verse 18. Jesus says this, “It is on this rock.” On the truth of who I am as fully God, fully man. On the truth of the magnificence and sins,” but that is not at all that Peter was saying. We are thinking of Daniel 7, the Son of Man. We are thinking of Isaiah 2, Isaiah 9, Isaiah 11—so many dynamic passages. And Micah 4, Micah 5, there is One who is described.

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*Prayer:*

*Abba, we are in pursuit of the revelation of Your Son, Jesus.*

*As His church and His bride, we cry out for intimacy in knowing Him, that we may be built up in the strength of who He is.*

*Holy Spirit, escort us into those deep places where we behold the beauty of who He is.*