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The correct answer

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When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'(Matthew 16, 13-19)

Eternal salvation depends on the answer each one of us gives to the question who is Jesus. It would be totally wrong to believe that He is only a man, albeit an important one. Only when we recognise that He is God will our actions and words truly change to become those of good Christians, who can make a difference to the world. Are you really aware of Jesus' divinity and all that that implies for your life?