



Identification

Matthew 16:18-17:23

Today's Outline

- Jesus' Identity
- What His Identity Signifies
- Our Response

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Jesus' Identity

- How does Jesus identify himself?
- How do “the people” identify Jesus?
- How does Peter identify Jesus?
- How does God the Father identify Jesus?
- How does the desperate father identify Jesus?

KURIOS—Lord

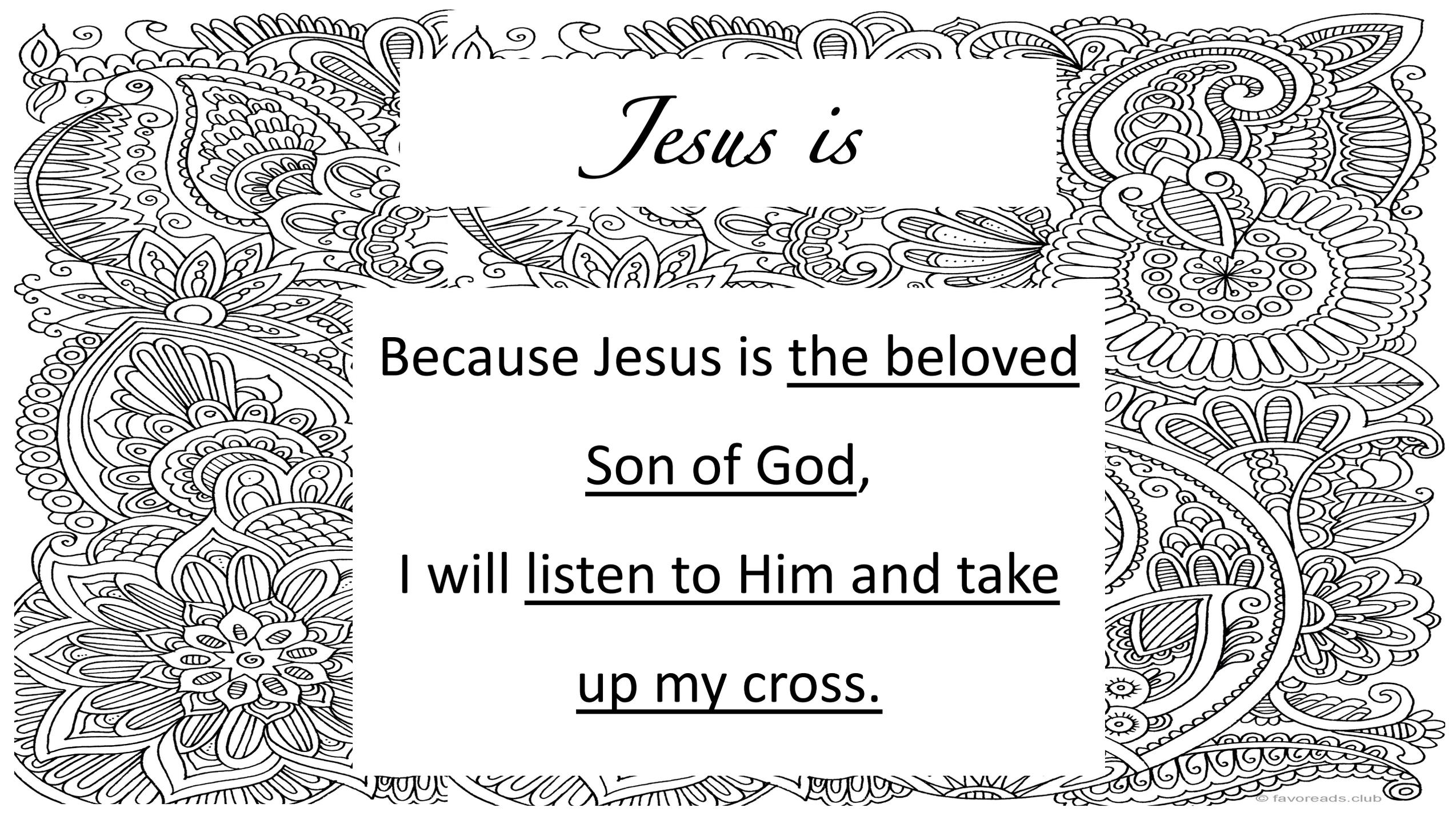
- he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding;
- master, lord, the possessor and disposer of a thing
- the owner; one who has control

What Does Jesus' True Identity Signify?

- Son of Man—Jesus was claiming to be God
- Messiah—the Messiah was to be a suffering Savior, not a conquering hero. Those who followed would also have to suffer (Mt 16:21,24-26; 17:22-23)
- Beloved Son—Listen to Him. Listen=obey
- Lord—Experience His grace

Our Response: Identification with Jesus

- Believe what Jesus says about Himself
 - Actively agree
 - Consciously coach
- Take up my cross
 - Obedience
 - Humility
 - Perseverance



Jesus is

Because Jesus is the beloved

Son of God,

I will listen to Him and take

up my cross.