

Who, Who, What, What

If we are going to be right with God, we've got to examine and answer four questions:

1. Who is Jesus? John 20:31 says "These were written that you may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name". According to this verse, Jesus was the Christ--the **King** over all of creation. As King, He has absolute authority and ownership over all creation. Also, John 1:3 says, "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made." He is the **Creator** of all things, and as such He has absolute authority over His creation.

2. Who are we? We are **rebels** against His absolute authority over, and ownership of, us. The Bible calls this "sin" and indicates that we have all sinned against God (Romans 3:23). We desire and pursue control over ourselves. Rebellion against the King is a capital offense. The sentence for our rebellion/sin is spiritual/eternal death. (Romans 6:23).

3. What has Jesus done? Because of **love**, He took our **penalty** upon Himself (Romans 5:6,8).

4. What must we do? **Recognize** Jesus as King (John 20:31), This means "repent" (Acts 3:18-19)--turn FROM self and turn TO Him; "believe" in Him or trust Him with your life (John 20:31; John 3:16); "call" upon Him to save us (Acts 2:21)--this means praying and acknowledging Him as King, and asking Him to save us from our sin; "confess" Him as Lord/King (Romans 10:9)--this means telling others of our faith in Christ.