

MORE THAN A MERE MIRACLE WORKER

Matthew 13:53–14:36

Most cellphones today come equipped with passcodes, facial recognition software, fingerprint scanning capabilities, and multistep-step user verification. Why? It's all for the purpose of ensuring that whoever is accessing the information stored inside the device is the person who *should* be accessing all the information stored inside the device! We understand that failure to identify—or *misidentifying*—the one using the phone can bring frustration, inconvenience, danger, and even harm. Simply stated, identity recognition and conformation can be serious business. What's true of cellphone access and private data is exponentially (and eternally) more true about the person of Jesus Christ. Failing to rightly recognize, confirm, and prioritize the true identity of the Saviour has dire consequences. There simply could not be *more* at stake.

MISUNDERSTANDING Jesus's Identity

- A. His *work*: Obviously supernatural 13:53–54; 14:1–2, 36

- B. His *person*: Consistently misjudged 13:55–57; 14:2, 34–36

- C. His *future*: Subtly foreshadowed 14:3–13; cp. 4:12

UNDERSTANDING Jesus's Identity

14:13–33

PRIORITIZE the Person of Jesus!

- If *seeking*: John 14:6
- If *struggling*: Hebrews 13:8
- If *stagnating*: Hebrews 12:1–2
- If *serving*: Colossians 3:23–24
- If *suffering*: Revelation 1:17–18