

Bultmann speaks of Jesus as having demanded decision for his person as the bearer of the word of God (= *der Träger des Wortes Gottes*). He also says that Jesus claimed to be God's messenger with the final, decisive word (= *Gottes Bote mit dem letzten, entscheidenden Wort*).

But both of these formulations are like my saying, more formally, that Jesus decisively re-presented the meaning of strictly ultimate reality for us. That is, they may be understood either as empirical-historical statements that require to be verified in the way of such statements generally, or as existential-historical statements that require a correspondingly different kind of verification.

My question is what, if anything, the systematic ambiguity thus revealed has to do with Bultmann's distinctions between the "*what*" and the "*that*" of Jesus., or between his "personality" and his "person."

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