

Who Is Jesus?

Introduction

1. Many people have heard about Jesus, but they have never come to grips with who He really is and what He should mean in their life
2. Faith in Jesus is essential, seeing that everything in the Old Testament pointed forward to Christ ([Galatians 3:24,25](#)), and everything in the New Testament after Christ points back to Him ([I Corinthians 15:11-22](#)).
3. We see the need for faith in Christ, because there is no middle ground. Either Jesus is the Son of God and Savior of the world, or He was an imposter.
4. Many struggle with coming to the Lord and putting their trust in Him, because they don't really know who Jesus is, and how to come to faith in Him.
([John 9:35-38](#); [John 12:32-34](#))
5. Perhaps you are here and have those same questions: Who Is Jesus? How can I put my faith in Him? It is our aim at this hour and the rest of this week to examine the claims and realities of who Jesus is, and what He should mean to us.

---Let us begin in the beginning by stating that Jesus is ...

I. THE ESSENCE OF DEITY IN THE GODHEAD

A. John begins in the beginning ([John 1:1](#); [Genesis 1:1](#))

1. "In the beginning was the Word..."
2. Therefore, whoever the "Word" is, was uncreated, eternal, and had no beginning.

B. John reveals the "Word" ([John 1:14](#))

1. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (See [Hebrews 10:5](#))
2. Therefore the "Word" had to become flesh and dwell among us, because man had sinned and the Father's love called for the ultimate sacrifice. ([John 1:29](#))

C. John says, "the Word was with God..." ([John 1:1](#))

1. This idea means more than co-existence, but signifying two persons, one with another.
2. To be "with God" identifies the "Word" as one of the persons of the Godhead, yet He is able to have His own identity.

D. John then says, "the Word was God..." ([John 1:1](#))

1. Notice the emphasis not on the word *was* but on the word *God*. (See [Matthew 1:23](#))
2. The "Word" was God in His nature, and in His being, possessing the fullness of the divine presence, power, and attributes. (See [Hebrews 1:3](#))

---In His relationship to Deity, He existed before creation; therefore, He was eternal. He was with God, personal, in communion with Him. He was Deity itself, the very image of the divine essence, and still is.

---Which leads us to our next point...Jesus is...

II. THE CREATOR OF THE WORLD IN THE BEGINNING

A. John continues with the beginning to discuss the creation. (John 1:3)

1. “All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made...”
2. Jesus was the active agent by which all things came into existence.
(Colossians 1:12-18; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Hebrews 1:1-2)
3. The Bible tells us that Jesus has been involved with the world at all times, by ordering, controlling, guiding, and as the Hebrew writer says “upholding all things by the word of His power” (Hebrews 1:3)
4. Paul also stated that it is by Christ that, “all things consist...” (Colossians 1:17)

B. Some would say that God created all things (Genesis 1:1), and they are correct

1. They are right in that it was God who planned and organized creation.
2. They are also right in the sense that Jesus is God, Deity.
(John 1:10; see also Revelation 4:11).
3. All things were in the mind of God before coming into existence, but it was the creation itself that serves as the expression of His will.

--When Jesus came into His own created world, He was unrecognized.

--This then leads us to notice that Jesus is...

III. THE LIFE AND LIGHT OF MEN IN THE WORLD OF SIN

A. John states that from Jesus (the “Word”), comes life.

1. After the time of creation, the “Word” was sent to become flesh and dwell among us (John 1:14).
2. John informs the reader that, “In Him was life; and the life was the light of men”
(John 1:4).
3. Jesus made the claim to be the resurrection and the life.
(John 11:25; see also John 14:1-6)

B. John also states that from Jesus, the “Word” comes light.

1. From Him proceeded the light of revelation (John 8:25-32), which appeals to the conscience and reason of man, turning all mankind to follow the Lord (John 1:14b).
2. The life that is referred to, gives the light that is needed in a dark world (sin), but also motivates man to respond to the light. (Hebrews 1:2)
3. This light calls for all mankind to respond and accept the salvation in Christ
(John 8:12; I John 1:5-7; Hebrews 5:8-9; II Corinthians 4:3-6)

C. Although Jesus serves as “light” and “life” man must accept Him

1. The “life” which was the light of men was immediately challenged by darkness.
(John 1:5; John 3:19-21)

2. John who is not the Light, is now introduced as the one to come and bear witness to the light
(John 1:6-10; I Corinthians 1:21; Romans 1:21,25)
3. It was this Word, eternal Deity, Creator, and And Sustainer of the universe, who in the flesh had now come into the world to reveal God. (John 1:18)
4. No man had seen God until Jesus came to the earth (John 14:9; Isaiah 9:6)
5. From the time of the fulfillment of Christ's birth to the time after His resurrection one fact stands...God was with us in the Christ! (Matthew 1:23; John 20:28)

--Finally, we learn that Christ came to be ...

IV. THE GRACE OF GOD IN THE PLAN OF SALVATION

A. John said that Jesus, the "Word" was "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14)

1. John said in John 1:16-17 of the grace we have received:

"And of His fullness have we all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

2. When God saw man in sin, he sent His Son, and in Him is God's grace (Colossians 1:19-20; 2:9-13)

B. It is written, "We are saved by grace through faith" (Ephesians 2:8-9)

1. Grace is found in the sending of Christ, faith is found in the obedience of mankind.

(James 2:18-20; 21-24; Romans 6:23; 5:6-10; John 3:16, 36)

2. When we put our trust in Christ, it is coming to Him in humble obedience.

(Matthew 7:21-27; Luke 6:46; Hebrews 5:8-9)

C. Truth also came in Christ

1. Jesus said while praying to the Father "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth" (John 17:17)

2. Jesus was focused on the will of His Father for His life and delivered God's will for the lives of others.

(Matthew 26:39; John 8:28b, 29b, 32-33)

3. Do you need to obey the truth and be set free? (Romans 3:23; John 8:33-36)

4. When we are in sin, and have never received the grace of God through obedience to Christ, we are in the bondage of sin.

5. Paul not only received the remedy for His sin (Acts 22:16), but was willing to tell other about the way to forgiveness. (Romans 6:16-18; 1-8)

Conclusion

1. Perhaps you are here and need to obey the Lord? Jesus is the essence of deity in the Godhead, the Creator of the world in the beginning, the light and life of man in sin, and the grace of God in the plan of salvation.
2. Have you ever considered the plan of salvation that is commanded by Christ?
3. Don't leave unless you know that you are a child of God and that you are ready to meet God and His Son in judgment.