

**Series:** Vermeer's "Allegory of Faith"

**Sermon:** Jesus is the Christ

**Primary Texts:** John 1:1-3, 14; Philippians 2:5-8

**Discussion guide:**

- Read John 1:1-3.
  - Who is "Word" referring to? How do you know?
  - What do these verses tell you about Jesus?
  - What Jesus' birth the beginning of Jesus' nature?
- Read John 1:14.
  - What does this verse tell you about Jesus' nature?
- Read Philippians 2:5-8.
  - What does v. 6 tell you about Jesus' nature?
  - What does it mean that He did not "count equality with God as a thing to be grasped" (ESV)?
    - How does this display His love for us?
  - What does verses 7-8 tell us about His nature?
- Read John 5:58.
  - What is Jesus saying here about Himself?
    - What does the use and placement of the words "was" and "am" mean?
- Why is it important for us to know that Jesus was 100% divine?
  - How is it that the Gospel couldn't work if this weren't true? (see 1 John 2:2)
- Why is it important for us to know that Jesus was 100% human?
  - How is it that the Gospel couldn't work if this weren't true? (see Hebrews 2:14-15)
- Read Isaiah 51:17, Jeremiah 25:15 and Matthew 26:39
  - What is the "cup" in these verses?
  - Why is it just for God to have wrath?
  - How does this affect our understanding of Jesus being divine as well?
  - Why was Jesus so upset at Gethsemane?
- Read 1 John 2:2 again.
  - What does the word "propitiation" mean?