

THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST PART 3

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

PART 2A – DIVINE SON OF GOD

A. JESUS – THE GOD-MAN

JOHN 1:

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

The term “Son of God” means that Jesus is of the same essence and nature as God. In other words, Jesus claims to be God who has come and manifested Himself into our world in human form.

1. Jesus Claimed To Be God

Why was Jesus executed by the Romans as instigated by the Jewish leaders?

He was crucified because He claimed to be God, and blasphemy was punishable with death.

JOHN 5:

17 In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”

18 For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

“He told those who were accusing him of violating the Sabbath, ‘My Father is still working, and I also am working,’ proving [claiming] that he had the power to work just like the Father and that he was, like the Father, immune from any rule and law.

He also maintained and demonstrated his equality with God when he said that God was his Father, not in the usual way, but in a higher and more sublime way because he was born of him and was of the same nature as his Father.” – Church father Theodore of Mopsuestia

JOHN 8:

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

57 “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”

58 “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, **I AM!**”

59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him...

“The phrase “I AM” is broadly understood to refer to the God of the Old Testament and was so understood by Jesus’ Jewish audience. (Their response indicates their instant recognition that such a statement made by a mere man would be blasphemy, deserving death.)”

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Before Pilate, the Jewish leaders gave the reasons why they wanted Jesus crucified...

JOHN 19: (ESV)

The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God."

2. Jesus Received Worship As God

"The Bible issues a persistent warning against worshipping anything or anyone but God himself. The first of the Ten Commandments states, "You shall have no other gods before Me". The Old Testament is filled with cautions against idolatry, admonitions to those engaging in the practice, warnings of grave consequences should they persist, and detailed descriptions of those consequences as they were experienced. Jesus' disciples clearly understood this message."

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And yet, when Jesus revealed His power and glory when He walked on water and calmed the storm, the disciples worshipped Him as God, but He did not hinder nor stop them.

MATTHEW 14:

33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

3. Jesus Did The Acts of God

There is no greater miracle than the **Resurrection** – When Jesus raised Himself from the dead. This was God's greatest sign to the ancient Jews who refused to believe.

JOHN 2:

19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?"

21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

22 **After he was raised from the dead**, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.