

## **THE SON: Session 3**

Jesus is the most important person in history. Everything rides on the fact that He lived, died, and rose again, scripture itself calls our faith useless without Him (1 Corinthians 15:14-17). It's all about Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. Without Jesus, we would not be regenerated, atoned, justified, sanctified, and adopted as sons and daughters of the King. Without Jesus ascending back into heaven the Holy Spirit would have never come down.

We have to get to know our Savior and build a relationship with Him.

### **WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?**

Jesus asks a question in Matthew 16:13-20. "Who do you say I am?"

*The disciples responded with, "Some say, you are John the Baptist, others say, Elijah, others say..."*

*But Jesus was more concerned with, "But who do YOU say that I am"  
Peter's response was correct "The Messiah, the Son of the living God."  
I will ask you, "Who do you say that He is?"*

Understanding who Jesus is for yourself is paramount to living a "life abundant" (John 10:10).

You have to get to know "the Life" (John 14:6) in order, to have it abundantly.

Just as it for the Father, knowing the names of Jesus gives us insight into who He is and what He came to do.

### **JESUS IS:**

The Messiah (Anointed): (Daniel 9:25, John 1:41), Savior: (1 Timothy 4:10), Redeemer: (Job 19:25), Author & Finisher of our faith: (Hebrews 12:2), Author of our salvation: (Hebrews 5:9), Beloved Son: (Matthew 12:18), Cornerstone: (Psalm 118:22), Door: (John 10:7), Good Shepherd: (John 10:11), God: (Isaiah 40:3), I AM: (John 8:58), Image of God: (2 Corinthians 4:4), Immanuel (God with us): (Isaiah 7:14), King of Kings, Lord of Lords: (1 Timothy 6:15), Lamb of God: (John 1:29), Light of the world: (John 8:12), Way, Truth, Life: (John 14:6), Word: (John 1:1), Son of God: (Matthew 2:15), Resurrection and Life: (John 11:25), Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace: (Isaiah 9:6)

## THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS:

### *John 1:1 – 5*

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through Him all things were made; without Him, nothing was made that has been made. 4 In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”*

## THIS PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE GIVES 3 KEYS TO WHO JESUS IS AND WHAT HE IS CAPABLE OF:

1. It declares the Deity of Jesus and equality with God the Father.
2. Speaks of Jesus eternality (He has existed and will exist forever).
3. He is all-powerful.

### 1. A: JESUS IS FULLY GOD:

There are religions and people who claim that Jesus was not God. We believe that Scripture is totally and completely true, Jesus claimed His deity, over and over again. Jesus was not only aware that He was God, He was sent to the cross because of it. Jesus’s claim of a deity was something that should have made people mad. Picture when Jesus read in Luke 4:17-21 prophecy of the Messiah from the scroll in the synagogue, then looked up and said, “Well, I’m here.” (Paraphrasing, of course). This would have been blasphemy, think if Billy Graham would have done this. If you think you have read mean tweets before this would be the next level! Now you can see why the religious leaders of the time wanted to kill Him. Over and over Jesus would assert that He and the Father were one. (John 10:30, John 5:17-18, John 7:28-29, John 8:58, John 8:19, John 10:36-39). God Himself would even speak from heaven and claimed Jesus as His Son (Matthew 3:17).

### B: JESUS IS FULLY MAN

We also read in scripture that Jesus was able to do something never done before. He put aside His deity and became a man (Philippians 2:5-11, Hebrews 2:9-18). This thought is expressed as the “Hypostatic Union” or “Duality” of Jesus, “Fully God, yet fully man.” He did this so he could become the sacrifice and “Vicarious Atonement” for our sins. “Vicarious Atonement” meaning “Acting on our behalf, to making right and remove the curse of sin.” His deity allowed Him perfection and power over sin and death (John 1:29). His humanity gave Him the ability to die and empathize with our humanity. Only Jesus could do this.

### *Philippians 2:6-11*

*6 Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
7 rather, he made himself nothing*

*by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
8 And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!  
9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.*

The Duality of Jesus also allows him to become our “High Priest”, doing away with the need to receive forgiveness through someone or something else (Hebrews 4:14-16). We have direct access to our forgiveness, this was never possible before. Jesus also intercedes or intervenes on our behalf (Romans 8:34). He can do this because He knows what it is like to be tempted as a man (Hebrews 4:15). God Himself does not know what it is like to be tempted so for Him to provide accurate judgment on us would be better suited for Jesus as He knows what it was like to be tempted as a man. For this same reason, Jesus intercedes on our behalf, because He has, “Walked in our shoes” for lack of a better term.

## **2. JESUS IS ETERNAL:**

Jesus was not created at inception. It is a common misconception that Jesus is a created being, that God the Father created Him. Jesus is referred to as the “only begotten son”, this term “begotten” denotes “coming from the same family”, not meaning “created”. If Jesus was created, that means He was created by something more powerful than Himself. As this is not possible for someone who is a deity, Jesus could not have been. Jesus has always existed (Hebrews 13:8) and calmed his eternality when He states in John 8:58 “Before Abraham was “I AM”. Same is true for His death and resurrection, when Jesus became “incarnate” meaning “in the flesh” (John 1:14) He did not die or even lose His flesh, He arose and will always continue to exist (Philippians 2:6-11).

Revelations 1:4b,

“Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come,”

## **3. HE IS ALL-POWERFUL:**

Jesus carries the same authority and power as God the Father, Jesus is not the “Jr.” the Father’s “Sr.”. Matthew 28:18 states “Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.” Jesus not only carries all authority but gives it to us. (Luke 9:1-2,

Luke 10:19, John 14:12). But our power comes from the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), who could not have come until Jesus left.

We have access to the power and authority of Jesus because of His victory of death and satan (Revelations 1:18, 1 Corinthians 15:25, 55-57, Colossians 2:13-15).

The purpose of power and authority is to bring us into a deep meaningful relationship with Jesus; to spread and affirm the word of God to all nations.

The signs, wonders, and miracles are merely a confirm of the person and work of Jesus, for they will not bring people into a saving relationship with Jesus (John 6:26, Luke 16:31). They are simply to confirm the preaching of His word and should follow all who believe (Mark 16:17-18, 20). Once you go seeking the miraculous you have placed greater importance on them than the one doing the miracle. Often they become a distraction, but they are certainly cool to see and be a part of.

### ***Mathew 28:18***

*“All power is given unto Me in Heaven and on earth.”*

## **WHY DID JESUS COME AND WHY DID HE DIE?**

Jesus came to proclaim freedom and life that could be found ONLY in Him (Luke 4:18, John 10:10). A new kind of baptism, one of the Holy Spirit and fire. His death triggering the veil to be torn, granting direct access to the VERY PRESENCE OF GOD. Leaving to make way to full access to the person of the Holy Spirit.

His death unlocked: regeneration, sanctification, adoption, justification, and the New Covenant. He died because of His great love for us (John 3:16). He died for us while we were still in our sin (Romans 5:8). Think about that, God didn't wait to send Jesus until we became sinless. You are loved as you are, right now. As you sit and read this, Jesus loves you. He died for YOU! There is no greater love than to lay your life down for someone else (John 15:12). That great love was given to YOU. He didn't wait till you earned it or were good enough. He gave it freely. Have you accepted that love? Not just in your head, but in your heart.

Many believers struggle to walk in the full love of Jesus. His perfect love will cast out fear. When fear is removed, so is shame. Jesus died so that you may live an abundant life. Spend time asking the Lord to overwhelm you with His love and see what happens.

Walking in the love of God start with your repentance. Turning from doing life your way to doing life God's way. It's so simple but incredibly difficult. It's a daily choice to sacrifice. Sacrifice means saying "no" to your desires and saying "yes, Jesus anything you want". His ways are better than ours. He knows the plans that He has for you, they are only the best. Stop trying to work for love or manufacture it, seek after an intimate relationship with the one who is the essence of love itself.

## **THEOLOGICAL TERMS THAT RELATE TO JESUS AKA SMARTY PANTS WORDS:**

Hypostatic union: Jesus was both a fully man and fully deity

Incarnate: Became flesh

Propitiation: Appeasement of the penalty

Atonement: Making right a wrong

Reconciliation: Restoration

Vicarious: Acting on someone else's behalf

Remission: Cancellation of a debt

Theophany: Appearance of Jesus before His incarnate birth to Mary

Homework: Can you find Jesus in the Old Testament. (Appearance and Prophecy)