

## Calvary Chapel El Monte

### Essentials of the Faith

#### Session 4 – God the Son

The following is an excerpt entitled, "One Solitary Life," by Dr. James Allan Francis, From a sermon entitled "The Real Jesus."

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village as the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty and then for three years was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home."

"He never produced a family. He never went to college. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself."

"While still a young man the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. Another betrayed him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon the cross between two thieves."

"His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth while he was dying, and that was his coat. When he was dead, he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend."

"Nineteen centuries have come and gone and today he is the center of the human race and the leader of the column of progress."

"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon the earth as powerfully as has this **one solitary life.**"

Jesus is still the most influential Person who has ever walked the face of the earth – He is unparalleled and incomparable, He spoke the greatest words ever spoken, and did the greatest works ever done (John 9:32). What may be most impressive is that Jesus made His mark and has conquered our hearts, through love.

Let's take a little closer look at this one solitary life, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In order to make things a bit more memorable in the limited time we have, we'll look at:

#### **I. Jesus' Nature**

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##### **A. The Son of God**

## **1. Implicit in the Old Testament** (Proverbs 30:4; Isaiah 9:6; Daniel 3:25)

**Proverbs 30:4 (NKJV)** "Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's name, if you know?"

**Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)** "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

**Daniel 3:25 (NKJV)** "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

So the Old Testament wasn't shy about the fact that God had a Son, infinitely beyond Adam or any angels. The agent of creation, the everlasting King, with us in the fiery trials of life, the tough times.

## **B. Explicit in the New Testament** (Matthew 14:33; 26:63-67; Mark 1:1; Luke 3:22; John 20:31; Acts 8:37; Romans 1:4; Hebrews 4:14; 1 John 5:5; Revelation 2:18)

The phrase "Son of God" (singular) is mentioned only once in the Old Testament but 45 times in the New Testament.

### **1. Our Father God testified that Jesus was His Son**

**Luke 3:22 (NKJV)** And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

### **2. Jesus testified that He was God's Son**

**Matthew 26:63–64a (NKJV)** But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"<sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "*It is as you said...*"

**Revelation 2:18 (NKJV)** "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

### **3. Jesus proved the fact that He was God's Son to His Apostles and Followers**

**Matthew 14:33 (NKJV)** "Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, 'Truly You are the Son of God.'"

**Mark 1:1 (NKJV)** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

#### **4. It is an essential of the faith to believe that Jesus is the Son of God**

**John 20:31 (NKJV)** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

**Acts 8:36–37 (NKJV)** Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?"<sup>37</sup> Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

**1 John 5:5 (NKJV)** Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

It is vital for us to know that when God the Son left heaven, came to earth to show us, teach us, and die for us, it wasn't an angel, a man, or some other being merely created by God, it was God's only and eternal Son. Understanding this truth communicates the real and radical extent of God's love for us (John 3:16).

**Romans 8:32 (NKJV)** "He who did not spare **His own Son**, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

Since Jesus is God's son and believers are God's children as well (although in a different sense - John 1:12; 1 John 3:1) Jesus is also our brother (Hebrews 2:11; John 20:17; Romans 8:29).

**Hebrews 2:11 (NKJV)** For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified *are* all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

**B. God the Son** – In switching the order of the words, it's simply an emphasis on Jesus' Deity (Matthew 14:33; 18:20; 28:20; John 1:1; 8:58; 20:28; Acts 20:28; Romans 9:5; Colossians 2:9; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:6, 8).

Jesus is God, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Person of the Trinity.

As we've seen in the definition of the Trinity, there is "One God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all three equal in essence and nature, but not in function and office."

As God the Son, Jesus is fully God, but He is also fully submissive to His Father (John 8:29; 12:49-50; 14:28).

**John 12:49–50 (NKJV)** For I have not spoken on My own *authority*; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.<sup>50</sup>

And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

**C. The Son of Man** - Jesus’ Humanity (John 1:14; Philippians 2:6-7; Hebrews 2:17-18)

This was actually Jesus’ favorite title for Himself, found 84 times in the New Testament.

Jesus wasn’t 50% God and 50% man, He was 100% God and 100% man, He added a human nature to His divine nature. Theologians call this the Hypostatic Union.

Jesus became a man for revelation and salvation. He came to show us the way, to teach us the way, and to become the Way. It was of necessity that God the Son become a man in order to die for our sins (John 14:6; Hebrews 2:9).

When Jesus became a man, he emptied Himself of His Divine privileges; He never lost His deity but limited Himself during His earthly ministry. Theologians call this the Kenosis.

The Son of Man was also clearly a Messianic title (Daniel 7:9-14).

## II Jesus’ “Name”

**Philippians 2:9–10 (NKJV)** Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

**Acts 4:12 (NKJV)** Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

### A. Jesus (Matthew 1:21)

The name of Jesus is found close to a thousand times in the New Testament. Jesus is a transliteration of the Hebrew, “Joshua,” (Yeshua) which means YaHWeH is salvation. Hence, Matthew 1:21.

It is both significant and symbolic that the Old Testament figure of Joshua led the people into the Promised-Land and not Moses who represented the Law.

There is power in the Name of Jesus! **Luke 10:17 (NKJV)** Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

### B. Christ (a Title)

Although Christ is not Jesus’ last name, it’s understandable why some would think this, for His Name and title appear 185 times together, side-by-side in the New Testament.

“Christ” is English for the Greek *Christos*, “anointed one.” The Hebrew word is *Mashiach*, Messiah. (Daniel 9:25-26).

There were 3 offices that were anointed in the Old Testament – Prophet, Priest, and King.

### **1. Anointed Prophet (Deuteronomy 18:18-19; John 6:14; 7:40)**

**Luke 4:18 (NKJV)** “The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to *the* captives and recovery of sight to *the* blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;” (Jesus quoting from Isaiah 61:1)

#### **As Prophet, Jesus is the Messenger**

God’s final word to mankind (Hebrews 1:1-2)

### **2. Anointed Priest (1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 6:20; 9:11-12)**

#### **As Priest, Jesus is the Mediator**

A priest represents God to the people and represents the people to God.

Jesus offered Himself on the cross as the Mediator; but of course He didn’t stay dead, He proved Himself by rising from the dead.



Jesus continues as our Mediator today (Zechariah 3:1-7; 1 John 2:1; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25).

**1 John 2:1 (NKJV)** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

**Romans 8:34 (NKJV)** Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

**Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV)** Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

### **3. Anointed King (Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:4-5; Mark 15:2; Revelation 17:14; 19:16)**

**Zechariah 9:9 (NKJV)** "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

Fulfilled in Matthew 21:4-5

**Mark 15:2 (NKJV)** Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered and said to him, "*It is as you say.*"

**Revelation 17:14 (NKJV)** These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful."

Revelation 19:16 (His tattoo)

### **As King, Jesus is the Master/Monarch**

Jesus is coming again to rule the world forever. He is already the Head of the church (Ephesians 5:23), He is the King of the Kingdom of God.

### **C. Lord (Romans 10:9; 1 Corinthians 12:3)**

The title "Lord Jesus" is found 116 times in the New Testament.

And the three words together, "Lord Jesus Christ" is found 85 times in the New Testament...again, not His name, but this is another one of His titles, one of the Most important ones.

The Greek word translated Lord (2962 kurios) – speaks of he to whom a person or thing belongs; the owner; one who has control of the person, the master; the sovereign, prince, chief; a title of honor expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants greet their master; this title is given to: God, the Messiah.

We must believe and receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

(Scripture on church van?) **Acts 16:30-31 (NKJV)** And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

**Romans 10:9 (NKJV)** "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Perhaps you've heard that personal truth, "*Either Jesus is Lord of all, or He's not Lord at all.*"

Jesus even makes us search our hearts on this, for there are some who claim to follow Christ with their lips, but their lives say something different.

**\*Luke 6:46-49**

**Luke 6:46 (NKJV)** "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?"

The Father has made His Son, Jesus, Lord of all; everyone will either bow now or bow later.

**Philippians 2:10-11 (NKJV)** "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

**Matthew 16:13-17 (NKJV)** "When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, 'Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?' So they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered and said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Jesus answered and said to him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.'"

Has this been revealed to you?

I pray it has.