

# The Faith

## LESSON FOUR

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### Our Faith in God's Son

*“When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 16:13–17)*

**Introduction:** \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 1. The Definition of Jesus Christ

A. He is equal with God the Father.

*“Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.” (Philippians 2:6)*

*“Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.” (John 5:18)*

B. He is the express image of God.

*“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:” (Colossians 1:15–16)*

### C. He is eternally pre-existent.

*“And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.” (Colossians 1:17)*

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.” (John 1:1–2)*

## 2. The Diety of Jesus Christ

*“And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.” (John 20:28)*

*“But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.” (Hebrews 1:8)*

### A. The words of Jesus express His deity.

*“I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.” (John 10:30–33)*

### B. The works of Jesus exhibit His deity.

#### 1. Jesus created the world.

*“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” (John 1:3)*

*“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:” (Colossians 1:16)*

#### 2. Jesus exercised authority over nature.

*“And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” (Mark 4:39–41)*

#### 3. Jesus exercised power over human disease.

*“And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, Came behind*

*him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.” (Luke 8:43–44, 48)*

4. Jesus granted the forgiveness of sins.

*“When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?” (Mark 2:5–7)*

5. Jesus conquered death and the grave!

*“Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.” (Romans 6:9)*

C. The wording of the Scriptures explain His deity.

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1, 14)*

### 3. The Descriptions of Jesus Christ

A. The Lord

*“Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 1:2)*

B. The Savior

*“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.” (1 John 5:20)*

*“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18)*

C. The Lamb of God

*“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)*

D. The Son of God

*“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;” (Mark 1:1)*

E. The First and the Last, the Alpha and Omega

*"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." (Revelation 22:13)*

## F. The Good Shepherd, the Chief Shepherd

*"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)*

*"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." (1 Peter 5:4)*

## 4. The Desire of Jesus Christ

### A. He desires Family —He wants all people to be saved.

*"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)*

*"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:3-4)*

### B. He desires fellowship —He wants us to spend time with Him.

*"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." (John 15:4, 9)*

### C. He desires fruit —He wants to bless and use each of our lives.

*"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)*

*"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." (John 15:5, 8)*

