

WHO JESUS IS! — “In the Beginning”

Christmas Series – Week 1: The Deity of Christ

I. Introduction

- It's Christmas!
- This season we are focusing on Who Jesus IS.
- As we see who He truly is:
 1. We understand the greatness of His gift.
 2. We see who we are created to be.
 3. We understand our destiny—in Him or apart from Him.
- Christmas is all about Jesus.
- This month we'll explore Jesus throughout the entire Bible, spending focused time in the Gospels.
- We will see Jesus as:
 1. God
 2. Man
 3. Servant
 4. King

Today we begin with Jesus as God — His eternal deity.

II. “In the Beginning...”

A. Genesis 1:1–5 – God Creates

- God speaks.
- Light shines in the darkness.
- The Spirit is present.
- The Word (Jesus) is not mentioned by name yet—but He is there.

B. John 1:1–18 – Jesus Revealed

We learn that:

- Jesus WAS in the beginning.
- Jesus was WITH God.
- Jesus WAS God.
- All things were made through Him.
- In Him was life and light.
- The true Light came into the world.
- The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
- Jesus reveals the Father perfectly.

Jesus is:

- The eternal Son of God
- Coexisting eternally with the Father and the Spirit
- Creator
- Revealer of the Father
- “God the only Son” who makes the Father known

III. Jesus the Creator — Colossians 1:15–20

- Image of the invisible God
- “Firstborn” = preeminent, supreme over all (not created)
- All things created through Him and for Him
- In Him all things hold together
- He is the head of the church
- All the fullness of God dwells in Him
- Through Him, all things are reconciled
- Peace comes by the blood of His cross

IV. Jesus the Radiance of God — Hebrews 1:1–4

- God spoke through prophets; now He speaks through His Son
- Jesus is:
 - Heir of all things
 - The One through whom the world was created
 - The radiance of God’s glory
 - The exact imprint of God’s nature
 - The One who upholds the universe by His word
 - The One who made purification for sins
 - Seated at God’s right hand — because He is God

V. Jesus Declared Greater Than Angels — Hebrews 1:5–14

- Angels are servants—but the Son is worshiped.
- The Father calls the Son “O God.”
- The Son is:
 - Eternal
 - Unchanging
 - Creator of the heavens and the earth
- Angels serve; Jesus reigns.

VI. Jesus Prophesied in the Garden — Genesis 3:14–15

- The first Gospel message (the protoevangelium)
- The “offspring/seed” refers to Jesus
- He would crush the serpent’s head
- Victory declared to the devil from the beginning
- When God said, “Let there be light,” He was pointing forward to the Light of Christ

VII. Jesus, the Humble Servant — Philippians 2:3–11

- Jesus:

- Was in the form of God
- Did not cling to His equality with God
- Emptied Himself
- Took the form of a servant
- Was born in human likeness
- Became obedient to death—even the cross
- Because of this:
 - God highly exalted Him
 - Gave Him the name above all names
 - Every knee will bow
 - Every tongue will confess: Jesus Christ is Lord

Names explained:

- Jesus — “Yahweh saves”
- Christ — The Anointed One
- Lord — God, Adonai, Yahweh

VIII. Worship Begins With Revelation

- To know Jesus is to love Jesus.
- Worship starts when we see Him for who He truly is.

IX. The Christmas Prophecy — Isaiah 9:6

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...

Wonderful Counselor

Mighty God

Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace”