

## **Week 4 - Jesus Christ the Savior**

***Intro Question:*** *What are the 4 sections of the gospel that we have been explaining? Explain the basics of the first two sections we have discussed.*

God, Man, Christ, Response. God is the Creator who has all authority. He is holy and righteous, always acting with justice toward good and evil. Mankind is sinful and rebellious. We have committed treason against our perfect King and we all deserve the eternal penalty of death and hell. These truths set up the need for a Savior.

***Question 1 - Why is it necessary that Jesus is both fully God and fully man?***

“If Jesus were just another man—like us in every respect, including our fallenness and sin—he would no more be able to save us than one dead man can save another. But because he is the Son of God, without sin and equal in every divine perfection to God the Father, he is able to defeat death and save us from our sin. In the same way, it is also critical that Jesus be truly one of us—that is, fully human—so that he can rightly represent us before his Father. As Hebrews 4:15 explains, Jesus is able ‘to sympathize with our weaknesses’ because he ‘in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.’” (Gilbert 61-62)

***Question 2 - What does it teach us about God that He gave detailed promises about the coming of Jesus hundreds of years before He came?***

God is powerfully sovereign and was working a perfect plan for the salvation of his people. This should give us hope that we can trust our powerful God. He knows every challenge we will face and He is working all of it together for His perfect plan.

***Question 3 - In what ways was Jesus an unexpected messiah?***

Jesus did not come as a triumphant king at first. He came as a suffering servant. Instead of ruling, He came to be killed. Instead of gaining power and riches, He lived a simple life with very few possessions. Instead of overthrowing the earthly enemies of Israel, He overthrew the spiritual enemies of sin and death.

***Question 4 - Why is Jesus’ resurrection a necessary conclusion to the good news?***

“If Christ had remained dead like any other “savior” or “teacher” or “prophet,” his death would have meant nothing more than yours or mine. Death’s waves would have closed over him just as they do over every other human life, every claim he made would have sunk into nothingness, and humanity would still be without hope of being saved from sin. But when breath entered his resurrected lungs again, when resurrection life electrified his glorified body, everything Jesus claimed was fully, finally, unquestionably, and irrevocably vindicated.” (Gilbert 69-70)