

The Person of Jesus Christ



“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:1, 14

Who is Jesus Christ?

- ❖ He must be one, and only one, of these:
 - ❖ Liar?
 - ❖ Lunatic?
 - ❖ Lord?

Titles of Christ

- ❖ Lord — Title of honor; we are subject to Him (1 Corinthians 7:23, 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 6:22)
- ❖ Jesus — Greek word *Joshua*, meaning savior (Matthew 1:21); Savior — Christ was God's Lamb (John 1:29, Isaiah 53:7)
- ❖ Christ — Means “Anointed one”; Messiah (John 1:41); the official title of our Savior
- ❖ Immanuel — God with us (Matthew 1:23)

I AMs of Christ

- ❖ I am gentle and humble in heart — Matthew 11:29
- ❖ I am the Son of God — Matthew 27:43
- ❖ I am with you always — Matthew 28:20
- ❖ I am the bread of life — John 6:35
- ❖ I am the light of the world — John 8:12

I AMs of Christ (continued)

- ❖ I am not of this world —John 8:23
- ❖ I am the door —John 10:9
- ❖ I am the good shepherd —John 10:11, 14
- ❖ I am the resurrection and the life —John 11:25

I AMs of Christ (continued)

- ❖ I am the way, the truth, and the life —John 14:6
- ❖ I am the vine —John 15:5
- ❖ I am a king —John 18:37
- ❖ I am the Alpha and the Omega/Almighty — Revelation 1:8; 21:6
- ❖ I am the First and the Last, the living one, alive forever —
Revelation 1:17-18

I AMs of Christ (continued)

- ❖ I am He who searches the minds and hearts — Revelation 2:23
- ❖ I am coming quickly — Revelation 3:11
- ❖ I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star — Revelation 22:16
- ❖ I AM — John 8:58; Exodus 3:14

The God Who Became Man

❖ The Incarnation

“...although He existed in the form of God, [He] did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.”

—Philippians 2:6-7

The God Who Became Man ~The Incarnation~

- ❖ **Christ never ceased being deity.** — Colossians 2:9
- ❖ **Christ added humanity to His deity.** — Matthew 17:1-8

His glory was veiled in flesh; the transfiguration was a display of Christ for a moment, unveiling His glory.

The God Who Became Man

~The Incarnation~

- ❖ **Christ voluntarily set aside, or emptied, Himself of the independent exercise of some of His divine attributes**
 - ❖ Set aside His glory — John 17:5
 - ❖ Set aside His independent authority — Philippians 2:7
 - ❖ Set aside the open display of His divine attributes — Matthew 24:36
 - ❖ Set aside His eternal riches — 2 Corinthians 8:9
 - ❖ Set aside His face-to-face relationship with the Father — Matthew 27:46

The God Who Became Man ~The Incarnation~

❖ **Christ had to be man, to die in man's place.** — Matthew
20:28

❖ **Christ had to be God, to be the perfect sacrifice.**

Christ's sinlessness cannot be explained apart from His deity —
Romans 3:23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-48

The God Who Became Man

~The Humanity of Christ~

What did Jesus do when...

- ❖ What was Jesus' response when He was tired? **He slept** — Mark 4:38
- ❖ What was Jesus' response to lack of food? **He became hungry** — Luke 4:2
- ❖ How did Jesus feel after a journey? **He was weary** — John 4:6
- ❖ How did Jesus react when He was grieved? **"Jesus wept."** — John 11:35
- ❖ What did Jesus say about Himself after the resurrection? **"See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."** — Luke 24:39

The Man Who Is God

~Jesus' Perfections~

- ❖ Sovereign — Matthew 28:18
- ❖ Eternal — 1 John 1:1-2
- ❖ Unchanging (immutable) — Hebrews 13:8
- ❖ All-knowing (omniscient) — Colossians 2:2b-3
- ❖ Perfect or sinless — 2 Corinthians 5:21
- ❖ Holy — Acts 3:14-15
- ❖ Truth — John 14:6

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~Jesus' Perfections~

- ❖ All-powerful (omnipotence)
 - ❖ Power over creation by calming the storm — Matthew 8:23-27
 - ❖ Power over sickness and disease — Luke 4:40
 - ❖ Power over demons — Luke 4:33-36
 - ❖ Power over death — John 11:43

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~Jesus' Perfections~

- ❖ **Power to forgive sins** — Mark 2:3-12
 - ❖ Who alone can forgive sin? **God.**
 - ❖ Since Jesus had the authority to forgive sins, and only God can forgive sins, who is Jesus Christ? **He is God.**

The Man Who Is God

~Jesus' Titles of Deity~

- ❖ Immanuel — God with us — Matthew 1:23
- ❖ Lord — Sovereign — Philippians 2:10-11
- ❖ I AM — A title reserved for God; Exodus 3:14

The Man Who Is God

~Statements of Deity~

- ❖ “For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form” — Colossians 2:9
- ❖ “And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature” — Hebrews 1:1-3a
- ❖ Jesus Christ (“The Word”) is God — John 1:1, 14
- ❖ “Our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus” — Titus 2:13
- ❖ Thomas’ testimony to Christ’s deity — John 20:28-29
- ❖ Christ as the only Sovereign, King of kings — Matthew 28:18; Revelation 17:14; 19:16

The Man Who Is God ~Statements of Deity~

Christ claimed to be God — John 10:31-33

The Jews did not miss Christ's claim to be God. The Jews got the message and understood exactly what Jesus was saying. And that's why they took up stones to kill Him, according to their law (Leviticus 24:16).

The Christ Who Is Savior

- ❖ A few titles that describe God's saving grace
 - ❖ Jesus is . . . the Lamb of God (John 1:29)
 - ❖ Jesus is . . . the Bread of Life (John 6:35)
 - ❖ Jesus is . . . the way, truth, and life (John 14:6)

The Christ Who Is Savior

- ❖ What is the difference between . . .
 - ❖ Admitting that Jesus is THE Savior, and
 - ❖ Going beyond that and claiming that Jesus is MY Savior?

- ❖ What does it mean to use the title “Savior” when talking about Jesus?

The King Who Comes To Rule

~The Exaltation of Christ~

- ❖ Christ has been given dominion, glory, and a kingdom — Daniel 7:14
- ❖ Christ is highly exalted — Philippians 2:9-10
- ❖ He is seated at the right hand of the Father — Hebrews 1:3

The King Who Comes To Rule ~The Second Coming of Christ~

“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”

Matthew 25:31-32 — Jesus speaking to His followers

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“They also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in to the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.’ ”

Acts 1:11 — Angels speaking at the ascension of Jesus

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“When the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed.”

2 Thessalonians 1:7b-10 — The return of Christ

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"And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming of the clouds of the sky with power and great glory."

Matthew 24:30 — His glory revealed

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“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Revelation 19-11-16 — The power of Christ’s second coming

Conclusion

- ❖ Christ is:
- ❖ **God**
- ❖ **Savior**
- ❖ **Ruler**

In light of this, “Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless.” — 2 Peter 3:14