

Foundations for Your Faith

Lesson 3: Who is Jesus Christ? God!

There is one person who is at the center of the Christian faith. That person is Jesus Christ. We have already looked at the character and nature of God. And in fact, Jesus is himself God. The Trinity (God the Father; Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit) are equally God. But they assume differing roles in regard to the relationship with man.

It is Jesus Christ who is the “mediator” between God and man. He is the bridge between a Holy God, and sinful human beings. His uniqueness is that he is fully God and fully man. Our human mind has difficulty grasping that truth, for we know that to be human means to have temptations to do wrong. And the evidence is that no one has ever escaped that pull . . . with one exception. That is the power of this divine plan. God sent Jesus to earth to do two things. First, he would die to pay the ultimate penalty for sin. Second, he would provide for us a model of what humanity looks like when it matches up with God’s character. And, these two things must occur in this order.

For our study, then, we will examine the two sides of Jesus separately. But we must consider both his humanity and his divinity.

Jesus Claim: John 10:30-33

Things we might expect if Jesus claim were true:

1. Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:21-23

2. John 8:46;

I Peter 2:22

3. Matthew 8 & 9

4. John 7:46 (What is this evidence of?)

5. John 4:13,14

6. Luke 7:11-16

7. Other:

In experiencing power over death, we note several other things

1. His prior predictions--Matt 20:18,19

2. His death--John 19:28-37

3. His burial--Matt 27:57-66

..The stone

..The seal

..The guards

4. The empty tomb--Matt. 28:1-8

5. His appearances

John 20:24-29

I Corinthians 15:6,7

A PASSAGE TO STUDY:

Hebrews 1:1-3

There is a lot more that can be said about the divine nature of Jesus Christ. But this brief study leaves us with the conclusion that Jesus is more than just a prophet, a leader of a religious movement, of a good man. He is God!

Consider this question: What objections would you anticipate from those you know who do not now have Jesus as a part of their life? On what basis might they struggle with the truth that Jesus Christ is God? Then, where would you take them in God's Word to help them come to a proper understanding of our Savior truly is? It is in this that God has called us to work with Him!