

# Jesus <sup>(4)</sup>

The central theme of the entire Bible is fixed on one man, Jesus. He is the single most important historical figure of all time, and to the Christian He is the most important aspect of our salvation. Let us look a little closer at our savior and the life He lived.

Jesus Christ is 100% man and 100% God. This may, at first, seem contradictory. How can someone be both God and man at the same time? However, Jesus exhibits all the attributes of a regular human being, and at the same time posses the attributes of God. Let us consider His humanity. Was Jesus a man?

Jesus had compassion for people.

Compassion:  
Capacity for sharing in  
the interests of others.

## **Mark 6:34**

***When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.***

- What human attribute did Jesus feel? \_\_\_\_\_

Not only did Jesus show human emotion, but normal physical responses to situations around Him.

## **John 11:35**

### **Jesus wept**

Jesus was crying because His good friend Lazarus had died. When Jesus was going into the city where Lazarus lived He ran into Lazarus' sisters. Their emotion struck accord within Him and Jesus showed His emotion.

- Jesus crying means He had real tears from real eyes. \_\_\_True \_\_\_False

## **John 11:33**

***When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled.***

- These verses show us that Jesus had emotion and compassion. \_\_\_True \_\_\_False
- Emotion, compassion and weeping are all human attributes. \_\_\_True \_\_\_False

Before Jesus died He was praying in the garden of Gethsemane and He was talking to God.

**Matthew 26:39**

***And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."***

From this verse we see Jesus' apprehension. Why was Jesus stressed at this point? He was apprehensive of what He was to become for us. On the cross Jesus became our sin so that He could die for us.

There are some physical elements about Jesus that should be noted. When Jesus was on the cross He was dehydrated and thirsty.

**John 19:28**

***After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, "I am thirsty."***

- What physical desire did Jesus have while on the cross? \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus cried, showed emotion, had compassion and even exhibited thirst. From this short list of evidence we may conclude that Jesus was human. \_\_\_ True \_\_\_ False

Jesus had to be mortal. How else could he have died for us? Yet Scripture tells us that He is also God? Let us now look at Jesus' divinity.

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*The claims of Jesus: Read the following verses and answer the questions.*

John 10:30      Who did Jesus claim to be like? \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 28:18      What did Jesus claim to have? \_\_\_\_\_

John 14:6      What did Jesus say about the path to heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

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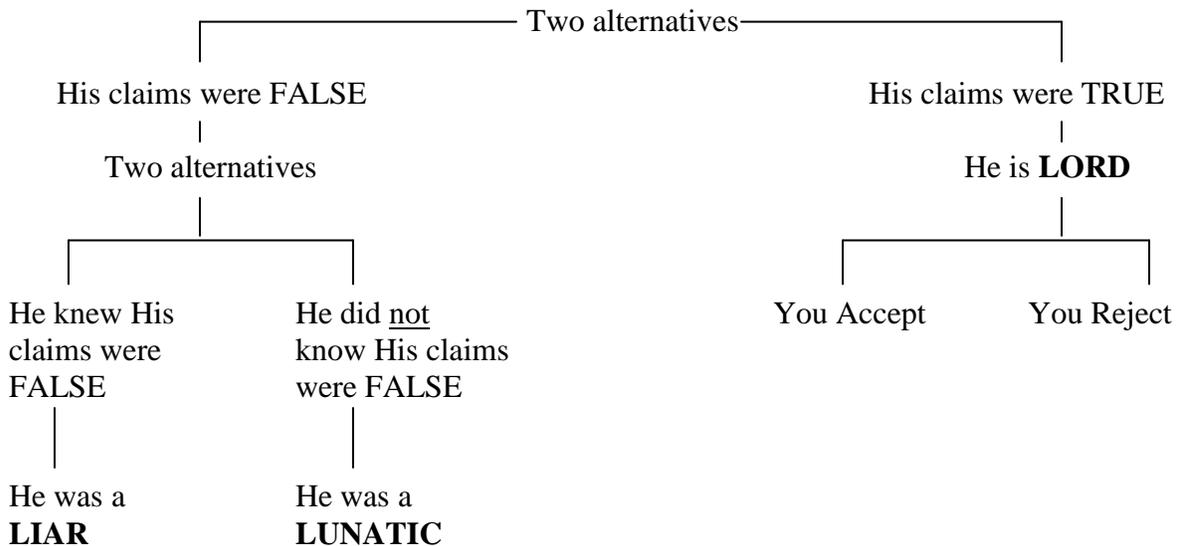
**Look at what others said about Jesus:**

- Matthew 16:16 What did Peter say about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
- John 11:27 What did Martha claim? \_\_\_\_\_
- John 20:28 What did Thomas say? \_\_\_\_\_
- John 10:33 What did Jesus' enemies say about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible predicted that a Messiah would come into the world to save us. Take a look at the following verses and see if Jesus fulfills what Scripture predicted.

Fill in the Prophecy Fulfillment	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament
1. _____	Isaiah 7:14	Luke 1:26-38
2. _____	Numbers 24:17	Matthew 2:2
3. _____	Zechariah 11:12-13	Matthew 26:15
4. _____	Psalms 22:16	John 19:18
5. _____	Isaiah 53:5	John 19:34
6. _____	Isaiah 53:9	Matt 27:57-60
7. _____	Psalms 16:9-10	Acts 2:31
8. _____	Psalms 68:18	Acts 1:9

**Jesus claimed to be God**



**John 1:1-2**

**In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.**

- Verse one tells us that Jesus was what? \_\_\_\_\_
- How can Jesus be God when verse two tells us that He was with God?

This leads us to discuss a hard to understand aspect concerning God. For man to understand what God is like is similar to a bug trying to understand a man. However, God has revealed certain things about Himself that we may know. Whether we fully understand them is another story.

There is one God, and He has chosen to reveal Himself through one book, the Bible. God was not created, but existed before all creation and time began. He exists as three separate, yet equal unified wholes. This concept is known as the *trinity*.

**Trinity**

There are 3 co-existent, co-eternal persons that make up "God." Understand that this is NOT in any way suggesting 3 Gods. The Trinity is 1 God consisting of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Deuteronomy 6:4**

**"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!"**

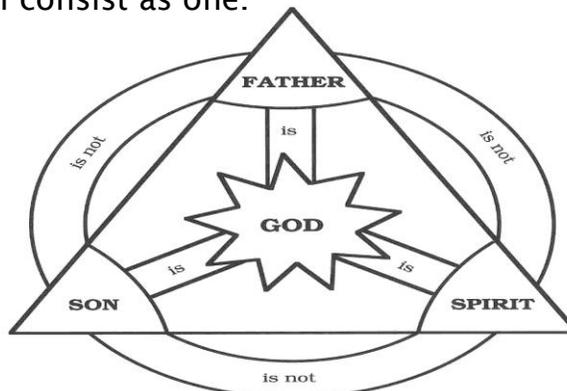
- How many Gods was Israel supposed to have? \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 1:26**

**Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;"**

- In this verse God refers to Himself in the: \_\_\_ Singular or \_\_\_ Plural

The following is an illustration that may help you to understand the concept of the trinity of God. In this illustration we see that the Father is God, the Son is God and the Spirit is God. However, the Father is not the same as the Son, nor the Son the same as the Father. They all exist separate, yet they all consist as one.



So, what did Jesus do while He was here? Many people often wonder how a perfect man acted. The Bible tells us He was here with a purpose that is still seen today in the lives of His followers.

**Matthew 18:11**

**For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.**

- Who is the Son of Man? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was lost? (circle one) a) you and I b) animals c) car keys d) your mom

The fact that we were once lost in our sins, and Jesus came to rescue us from that old life is a point we must never forget. A great Christian by the name of Paul was used by God to pen much of the New Testament. Even though God used him mightily, he never forgot what Jesus did for him. Let's look at what Paul wrote in 1 Timothy.

**1 Timothy 1:15**

**It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.**

- Rewrite this verse in your own words. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Jesus did some supernatural miracles. Jesus did these miracles to show that He was sent by God the Father and had authority to make the claims that He did.

**Matthew 9:32-33**

**32 As they were going out, a mute, demon-possessed man was brought to Him. 33 After the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."**

- Do you think the crowd that witnessed this miracle would *listen* to Jesus or *ignore* what He had to say? \_\_\_\_\_

This miracle, along with many others, was followed by two different reactions. The first came from the crowd. They were amazed and likely happy to see this man healed. The second reaction can be seen in the following verse.

**Matthew 9:34**

***But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."***

The Pharisees were the religious rulers of their time and were angry with Jesus because people were following Him and not them. They even went so far as to say, from this verse, that Jesus' power was demonic.

Jesus did not follow the religious traditions of His day. His teaching style was to use elements around Him as teaching tools. We can see a glimpse of this in the following verse. See if you can tell where Jesus may have been from this verse.

Jesus used the environment around Him to help teach a spiritual lesson to His followers.

**Matthew 17:20**

***If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.***

Here Jesus uses a mustard seed as an example to give His audience a lesson on faith. The next two verses talk about Jesus thoughts on religious traditions.

**Mark 7:8-9**

***8 Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men. 9 He was also saying to them, you are experts at setting aside the commandments of God in order to keep your tradition.***

- What does God want you to put first? \_\_\_ traditions of men  
\_\_\_ commandments of God

Jesus was not shy about speaking the truth wherever He went. He purposefully broke traditions that the people had set up to show them that **God desires a relationship, not a religion!** His way of going about life was radical.

- Please notice: God desires a \_\_\_\_\_ not a \_\_\_\_\_

Our relationship with God is very important to Him. In fact, it is what everlasting life is all about.

**John 17:3**

***"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."***

- From this verse, when does eternal life start?

Knowing Jesus means knowing what He is like. One way we can do this is by examining His attitude. Jesus gave us the perfect example of what attitude a Christian is to have.

We learn more about Jesus through prayer, Bible reading and our relationships with other believers = building one another up in the Lord.

Although Jesus is almighty God and creator of all things, He came into this world with a heart for serving others.

**Matthew 20:28**

***Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.***

- What was Jesus' motivation in coming to earth? \_\_\_\_\_
- How far was Jesus willing to go to serve others? \_\_\_\_\_

If Jesus, who had every right to demand to be served, came instead as a servant, what does this say our attitude should be?

Jesus held a very different view than the rest of the world does. Of anyone that ever lived on this planet, Jesus deserved to be served. He is, after all, the creator of this world.

**Colossians 1:16**

***For by Him (Jesus) all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities -- all things have been created through Him and for Him.***

- What did Jesus create? \_\_\_\_\_

- Who was all this created for? \_\_\_\_\_
- Does this information change the way you look at the world and your role in it?

It is amazing that even though Jesus has all the power and authority in the world, when He came to live on this earth He came humbly as a servant. It is this attitude that perhaps best describes Him. Jesus encourages us to adopt this attitude within ourselves.

***Matthew 18:4***

***Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.***

- What are we to be as humble as? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you think humility here on earth will only benefit you in heaven?

Jesus is the creator of the world. In fact scripture even states that He holds all things together! This loving, caring, creator who made all things is also the one who humbly gave up his life so that we could know Him and live with Him forever. Jesus has always held our best interests at heart, and He has done this with a spirit of meekness. He is our greatest good, and totally deserving of our praise.

## *Discussion Questions*

- 1. What do you think the phrase “the traditions of men” means?*
- 2. Are you holding on to a tradition in your life that you need to change?*
- 3. If eternal life is knowing Jesus more, how can we begin to experience this in our lives today?*
- 4. Jesus had an attitude of humility and service for others. What needs to change in your life so that you can adopt this attitude more into your life?*
- 5. What do you think the difference is between a religion and a relationship? Can you give any examples of each?*