

## How Do We Know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?

While there is ample historical evidence that there was a man named Jesus of Nazareth who lived in the first century, some question if we can believe His claims to be the Christ, the Son of God. The best record of His life, the Bible, gives more than enough evidence that His claims are true, because of the fulfilled prophecies, the record of His miracles, and the testimony of His followers.

### THE OLD TESTAMENT

The fulfilled prophecies of the Old Testament, accomplished in the life and ministry of Jesus, are a major reason to believe His claims. The prophet Micah predicted, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2). Although Mary and Joseph were residents of Nazareth, through the providence of God they went to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus, in fulfillment of the prophecy. The birth of Jesus to the virgin Mary fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy that "The Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

### THE PROPHETS

Jesus fulfilled many prophecies in His death. Psalm 22:16-18 predicts of the Messiah, "The assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them and cast lots upon my vesture." John 19:23-24 describes the parting of His garments and the casting of lots at the crucifixion, "that the scripture might be fulfilled." Even the price of His betrayal, thirty pieces of silver, was prophesied over five hundred years before. "And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver" (Zechariah 11:12).

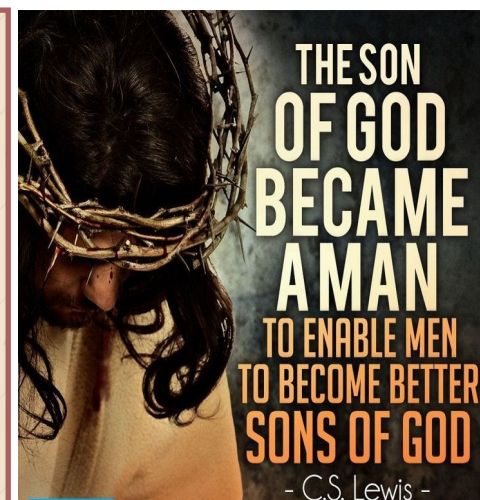
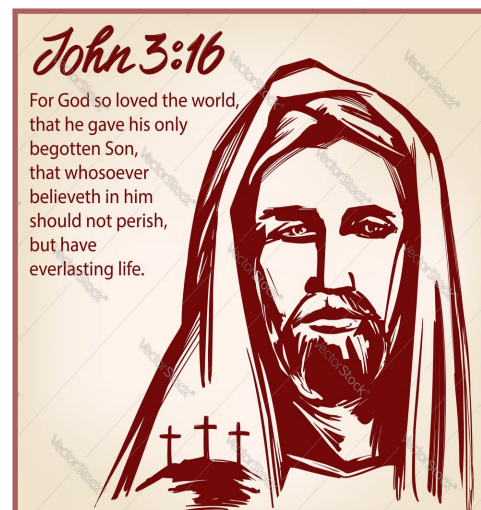
### THE MIRACLES

In addition to the fulfilled prophecies, the signs and miracles that Jesus performed show that He is the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus showed His power over nature by turning water to wine and calming the sea. He showed His power over sickness by healing the lepers, giving sight to the blind, and making the lame walk. He showed forcefully His power over death by raising Lazarus and others from the dead. His own resurrection from the dead proved conclusively His authority over death.

Peter, speaking for the apostles, told Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). When threatened by the opponents of Christ, Peter and John replied: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:19-20). The apostles at first had trouble believing in Christ's resurrection, but they soon had opportunity to risk their lives for their faith. Peter said, "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty" (2 Peter 1:16). They were eyewitnesses of His majesty, and spoke truly.  
—Bob Prichard, *House to House, Heart to Heart*

## Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Jim Kirkland is recovering from knee replacement surgery .
- ◆ Lana Cockrum is having some tests for her lung issues.
- ◆ Melinda Abraham will have foot/ankle surgery February 6.
- ◆ Tinker Langston will have knee replacement on February 28.
- ◆ Sympathy is extended to the Hambelton family after the death of Jim. His service is tomorrow at Clinkingbeard at 11 for visitation and 12 for the funeral.
- ◆ Derrylene (Jerry) Miller died last week. Her graveside service was Friday.
- ◆ Rene Blackburn will have a device inserted to help her heart.
- ◆ So many members have had flu, covid, and other problems.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Larry Butler, Dordene Butler, Don Luna, Faye Flaughers, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins, Rene Blackburn, Annette Chisam Tilley.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Harold Reynolds, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Cindy Gibson, Leroy Collins.
- ◆ Those in GHCC: Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes, Wilbern Uchtman. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at River Lodge, Mtn. Home; Jack Moyers Southern Meadows.



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
1-19	Brooke Hambelton	1-1	Spencer and Sandra Wade
1-24	Frances McGinnis	1-10	Matt and Rose Burton
1-25	Melinda Walrath	2-23	Heath and Stephanie Maddox
1-25	Jean Blisard	Birthdays	
1-28	Sangchun Moyers	2-5	Jim Kirkland
1-29	Sarah Hossman	2-7	Joan Nash
1-30	Waylon Strong	2-27	Mary Lou Snelson
2-4	Megan Goodman		

Date	Event	Details
<b>Three opportunities for fellowship!</b>		
Sunday, Jan, 28	Basket Dinner after services	Join us for food and fellowship
Mon., Jan. 29, 6 p.m.	Game Night; Fellowship	Bring Snacks
Saturday, Feb. 3	Movie Night at 5 p.m.	Hot dogs & popcorn

Vicki will be serving chicken and dumplings and dessert for Wednesday night fellowship supper before classes.

Additional prayer request:  
Rose Burton fell Monday on the hip where she had surgery a few months ago. She is having trouble walking.

February Worship Assignments			
	<u>Welcome &amp; Prayer</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Closing Prayer</u>
Today	Dylan Abraham	Andrew Hambelton	David Stevens
2-4	Don Luna	D. E. Pleasant	D. E. Pleasant
2-11	John Abraham	R. J. Moyers	R. J. Moyers
2-18	Mark Lane	Paul Wade	Paul Wade
2-25	David Stevens	Ryan Stevens	Ryan Stevens
<b>Song Leader: John Abraham; Titus Smith</b>			
<b>Greeters: John and Melinda Abraham; Don and Barbara Luna</b>			

## The Family News

### January 28, 2024

### Gainesville Church of Christ

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## A Place to Call Home

*We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.*

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service Topic: *Jesus the Son of God*

#### Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper  
7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

#### Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Prayer  
Kids Singing up Front  
#976, *I Shall Not Be Moved*; #469, *Faith Is the Victory*  
#538, *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*  
#364, *Come Share the Lord*; Communion Service  
Scripture Reading by Howard Wade, Matthew 3:16-17  
Sermon and Invitation  
#934, *Softly and Tenderly*  
#738, *Take the Name of Jesus with You*  
Shepherd's Prayer  
Offering baskets are at the back.

Elders		Deacons	
Mark Lane	417-679-4835	Larry Butler	817-504-1604
Don Luna	417-712-1945	Dana Crisp	417-331-5090
David Stevens	417-679-4700	James Langston	870-315-4355
John Abraham	870-421-5632	Preacher	
		Halbert Smith	417-257-3880
<b>Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us</b>			