

The True Identity of Jesus

Just exactly who is Jesus Christ? There are many different “**opinions**” and “**theories**” in our world today regarding who Jesus Christ actually is. Many believe that He is just another great prophet. Many consider Jesus a great teacher.

Many more believe that He is the third person in a Triune Godhead. Some believe that Jesus was the very first creation of God. In the world of Christianity today, there is actually confusion as to who Jesus actually is. To clear up any confusion, we must always go to the Bible to derive all of our beliefs.

First of all, to properly understand who Jesus is, one must understand what the Bible says about God Himself. The Bible clearly states that God is a Spirit. (**John 4:24**) This Spirit is Invisible and Immortal whom no man has ever seen. (**1 Timothy 1:17, 6:16**)

In the Old Testament, the Lord spoke through the mouth of His prophets proclaiming that He alone is God and the Savior of His people. (**Isaiah 43:10-11, 44:6, 59:16, 63:5**) We see from the Scriptures that God made it very plain that He would be the one to come and make intercession for His people.

In order to do this, that Immortal Invisible Spirit of God needed a body that would be able to shed innocent sin-free blood to redeem us from our sins.

At the time of the birth of Jesus, angels came proclaiming exactly who this baby was: Emmanuel which means “**God with us**”. (**Matthew 1:23-25**)

Because Jesus was a man, He actually had flesh and blood just like us. What a lot of people fail to understand is that Jesus had a dual nature. He had a body made up of flesh and blood, but inside that body dwelt the Spirit of the Invisible Immortal Spirit of God.

Jesus as a Man	Jesus as God
As a man, He was born a baby; (Matthew 1:23-25)	He was the Mighty God. (Isaiah 9:6)
As a man, He increased in wisdom; (Luke 2:52)	as God, He knoweth all things. (John 21:17)
As a man, he grew tired. (Mark 4:37-39)	as God, He calmed the wind and seas. (Mark 4:37-39)
As a man, He wept at the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:34-36)	as God, He raised Lazarus from the dead. (John 11:43-44)
As a man, He was a servant; (Philippians 1:7)	as God, He was King of Kings. (Revelation 19:16)
As a man, He dwelt on the earth; (John 1:14)	as God, He created the Earth. (Colossians 1:16-17)
as God, He answers prayer. (John 14:14)	as God, He forgave sin (Mark 2:5-7)
As a man, He died on the cross; (John 19:30)	as God, He arose from the dead. (Luke 24:5-6)

When Jesus began His earthly ministry, He made some very powerful claims about who He was.

- In **John 10:30**, Jesus said ***“I and my Father are one.”***
- When the disciples asked Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus clearly told them ***“... he that has seen me has seen the Father...”*** **(John 14:7-11)**
- Jesus also said in **John 8:24**, ***“... if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins...”***
- The Apostle Paul boldly declared that Jesus was ***“God manifest in the flesh”***. **(1 Timothy 3:16)**
- Thomas, after touching the wounds of His Risen Savior, proclaimed ***“My Lord and My God!”*** **(John 20:28)**
- **Colossians 2:9** states, ***“In Him dwelleth the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”***
- **2 Corinthians 5:19** states that ***“God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself”***.

- The Apostle John begins his Gospel with the statement that “***the Word was God***” and “***God (Word) was made flesh and dwelt among us***”. (John 1:1,14)
- John also states that God laid down His life for us. (1 John 3:16) God, who was manifest in the Flesh, laid down His life for us at Calvary. It was at Calvary that God purchased His church with His own blood. (Acts 20:28)

Conclusion

The Scriptures undeniably show the true identity of Jesus. We can trace this great Truth of the Oneness of God from the Book of Genesis all the way through the Book of Revelation.

Jesus was so much more than a great teacher and a great Prophet. As the Bible clearly states several times; the true identity of Jesus is: He was God manifest in flesh. God could not shed His own blood or lay down His life unless He had blood to shed and a life to lay down. We can see from all of the above examples, at times Jesus spoke and acted as a man because He was a man.

Many other times, Jesus did what only God could do because He was so much more than just a man.

- Jesus is **NOT** part of a triune Godhead.
- Jesus is God manifest in the Flesh.
- Jesus was **NOT** the first creation of God.
- Jesus is the Creator.

These are the facts that the Bible proclaims. All the confusion will simply melt away when we base all of our beliefs upon the Word of God.

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