



Course DC201: Jesus Our Savior

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Intro: *This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners* ... (1 Tim. 1:15)! Great indeed is the truth that Jesus is our God and Savior (Titus 3:6)! However, in coming “into the world to save sinners,” He had to do so as the God-Man (i.e., being fully God and fully Man in One Person.) There is nothing more glorious or more mysterious than the mystery and the wonder of *God becoming flesh!* The Incarnation is not fiction, and it is not mere illusion as if God put on some kind of a “man-suit” for 33 ½ years. The Incarnation is plainly attested in Scripture, and is to be received as a matter of faith. The whole of our salvation hangs upon the truth of His Incarnation, Jesus even now being the *Son of MAN* at the right hand of God. To save us Jesus had to come as a Man (1 Tim. 2:5), sharing in our humanity (Heb. 2:14). As a true Man, He became our true **Substitutionary Sacrifice** to answer for our sin, and being fully God (thus, being **Infinite**) He is able to make atonement and propitiation which satisfies God’s righteousness which is infinitely opposed to sin—our sin! It is as the God-Man, fully God and fully Man, with both the uncompromised Divine Nature and the uncompromised human nature residing mysteriously in **ONE PERSON**, who is our Savior—our Lord and our God, Jesus Christ.

I.) Jesus, Our Savior

Jesus, our Savior is truly God:

- ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works. Titus 2:13-14
- To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 Peter 1:1
- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1
 - who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God ... Phil. 2:6
 - And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" John 20:28
 - For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily ... Col. 2:9

Full a much fuller presentation of Scriptural evidence which fully reveals that Jesus is truly God Almighty, the reader is referred to the lecture notes for course DC101, The Doctrine of God.

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The Incarnation, God became Man in Order to be Our Savior (God and Man in One Person):

- And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh. . . 1 Tim. 3:16
- "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Matt. 1:23 (also Isaiah 7:14)
- . . . of whom *are* the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen. Rom. 9:5

- And I will put enmity between you and the woman, **and between your seed and her Seed**; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel. Gen. 3:15
- . . . concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, **who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh** . . . Rom. 1:3
- Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that **of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne**. . . Acts 2:30
- **Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made**. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but **as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ**. Gal 3:16

II.) Jesus, Our Sacrifice, Our High Priest

Jesus is both our Substitutionary Sacrifice and our High Priest who appears before God on our behalf. He has offered Himself as the atoning Sacrifice, making propitiation by His Blood. This was shadowed in the Old Testament under the Levitical priesthood on the great Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:26-32)—animal blood being brought into the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle and sprinkled on the mercy seat. Although all this was a shadow of what Christ would do in reality, the High Priest alone could do this ministry, entering only once each year on the great Day of Atonement, and never without blood (Exod. 30:10, Heb. 9:7). This honor no one could take to himself, thus Aaron was called by God to be High Priest (Heb. 5:4).

Now Aaron's ministry (and of all the high priests which proceeded from his line [Levitical]) in offering the blood on the great Day of Atonement served as a type of which Jesus Himself is the Antitype/the Reality. Nor did Jesus take this great honor to Himself, but was likewise called of God to be the High Priest (Heb. 5:5-6)—however, called to be High Priest in the order of Melchizedek. Now Melchizedek himself was a type, however, one very different from the Levitical line of High Priest from Aaron. Under the Levitical line, there was a strict record kept of the genealogy regarding their father and mother in order that they would be able to show their right to the priesthood, as well as a record of their death (the end of their ministry as the High Priest). But Melchizedek was called to be High Priest of God without having any such a genealogy listing his father and mother in order to prove his right to the priesthood, as well as there never being kept a record of his death (i.e., the end of his ministry). Rather, He was called of God and served as a shadow of the true High Priest to come, revealing that the True High Priest would not come from the line of Levi. For it is after the order of Melchizedek that Jesus is our High Priest.

However, unlike Aaron's ministry, Jesus offers His own precious Blood, the Blood of God (Acts 20:28). Jesus, having always existed (Heb. 13:8), has no genealogy (shadowed in Melchizedek) He being God from all eternity (Micah 5:2). And since He has been raised immortal, death shall never put an end to the ministry of His Priesthood (shadowed in Melchizedek having no record of his death). Thus, Jesus ever lives as our High Priest to make intercession for us before God, having offered the Infinite Blood of God—*He is truly able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him!*

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¹ Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ² a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. Hebrews 8:1-2

Jesus, Our High Priest before God:

- Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, **consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus**. . . Heb. 3:1
- . . . **who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person**, and upholding all things by the word of His power, **when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high**. . . Heb 1:3
- But **this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down at the right hand of God . . . For **by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified**. Heb. 10:12-14
- . . . where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, **having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek**. Heb. 6:20

Hebrews Chapter 7 (selected):

¹ For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God . . . ³ without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. . . . ¹¹ Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? ¹² For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. ¹³ For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. ¹⁵ And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest ¹⁶ who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. ¹⁷ For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." . . . ²⁰ And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath ²¹ (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: "The Lord has sworn And will not relent, 'You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek' "), ²² by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. ²³ Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. ²⁴ But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for

¹¹ But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 9:11-14

us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

(Hebrews chapters 7 through 10 set this forth His being our High Priest powerfully.)

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Making Atonement and Propitiation Required that Jesus have a True Body:

- ⁵ Therefore, **when He came into the world**, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, **But a body You have prepared for Me**. ⁶ In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, **'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.'** ⁸ Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), ⁹ then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. ¹⁰ By that will **we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ** once for all. Heb. 10:5-10
- "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, **for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.**" Luke 24:39
- ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through **the redemption that is in Christ Jesus**, ²⁵ **whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood**, through faith, **to demonstrate His righteousness**, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ **to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus. Rom. 3:24-26

III.) Jesus, Resurrection Hope, His Ascension and His Return to Judge

When Jesus cleansed the temple the first time He was asked by His enemies for a sign to reveal His authority to do this. Jesus made the resurrection of His Body the sign of all that He said and did. Because of Jesus resurrection, we know that He has conquered sin and its full wages! Because of His ascension back to heaven, we know that He both came from God and has returned to Him as the Savior of all mankind, having settled all things that relate to man's salvation! And He has promised to return to judge the living and the dead, for all judgment has been committed to the Son. He who believes that Jesus *has risen from the dead*, having ascended to the right hand of God awaiting that great Day of Judgment, believes that very sign which our Lord Himself gave, saying: **"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' . . . But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said"** (John 2:19, 21-22). It is no wonder that Scripture declares: **". . . if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, you will be saved"** (Rom. 10:9). For he who believes in the resurrection believes the whole of all that Jesus accomplished!

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His Resurrection assures that All has been Satisfied:

- Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy **has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead** . . . 1 Pet. 1:3
- ¹² Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴ And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty. ¹⁵ Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. ¹⁶ For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷ **And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!** ¹⁸ **Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.** ¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. ²⁰ **But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.** ²¹ For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² **For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.** 1 Cor. 15:12-22

- ²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— ²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴ **whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.** Acts 2:22-24
- ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus **and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead,** you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom. 10:8-10

Jesus has returned to God, the Son of MAN at the Right Hand of God:

- ⁵⁰ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. Luke 24:50-51
- ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. ³¹ Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. Acts 5:29-31

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- . . . who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him. 1 Peter 3:22
- . . . looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12:2
- . . . and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" Acts 7:56
- Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. Acts 5:31
- Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Rom. 8:34

*⁵ "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'
⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.
⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.
⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me;
¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;
¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."
 John 16:5-11*

Jesus Who Ascended will return to Judge the Living and the Dead:

- ⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, **"Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."** Acts 1:9-11

- ¹ I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: ² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 2 Tim. 4:1-2
- ⁴² And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins." Acts 10:42-43
- They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 1 Peter 4:5
- ²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son . . . ²⁷ and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. John 5:22 &27
- Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid. . . Acts 24:25

IV.) Jesus Saves FROM Our Sin

Salvation! How great the word—*how great the Savior!* They cried out on the day of the Triumphal Entry “Hosanna” which is a cry for salvation to come! But what does salvation save us from? Hell? The devil? Condemnation? Yes, but more. It saves us from the very reason that man is threatened with hell to begin with, the very reason that Satan and men have become lost. Jesus saves us from our sin! O how great is this salvation, for Jesus doesn’t just save us from the eternal consequences of sin, *He saves us from sin itself.* For we are not saved *in* our sin, but we are saved **from** our sin. Concerning salvation, John A. Broadus wrote: “Ye shall die in your sins, a most terrible doom. It were a very inadequate salvation merely to be delivered from positive punishment, and be left sinful. If we have right ideas of sin, we must greatly desire to be saved from our sins. And this Jesus came to accomplish.”¹

- And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matt. 1:21
- . . . who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works. Titus 2:14
- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9
- He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love... Col. 1:13
- . . . who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. . . Gal. 1:4
- . . . when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. . . Heb. 1:3

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¹ A. John Broadus, *Favorite Sermons of John A. Broadus* (New York: Harper & Brothers Publishers, 1959), 145.