

Claiming the Faith

Lesson #4

Who is Christ?

****Resources Needed****

Westminster Shorter Catechism (Q. 20-28)

"I Am" Statements of Jesus - handout

"How Well Do You Know Him?" - handout

0:00 Welcoming Prayer

Jesus said:

I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Let us pray: Holy God, may the lessons of this day bring life to your people. Further their understanding of your promises, your gifts, and your glory. Turn hearts and minds toward the radiant light that is Christ Jesus, in whom we pray. Amen.

0:05 Key Concepts

Messiah

Christ

Redemption

0:10 Key Scriptures

Using the handout, *"I AM" Statements of Jesus*, read each scripture listed and discover the ways Jesus described himself.

0:15 Exposition

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0:30 Discussion and Reflection

1. Why did humanity need a savior?
2. Why would God want to provide a sinful people any salvation?
3. How does knowing the Messiah and Christ has already come feel to you? How must it have felt to live before Jesus' birth, waiting for the coming King?

0:45 Concluding Remarks

For all of human history, from nearly the first moments of humankind walking in the Garden with God, there was a chasm between Creator and creature. The damage to the relationship caused by Adam and Eve willfully sinning against God led to generations of suffering in loneliness from complete rest in the care of our God and Father. The only act that could restore the relationship could not come from the sinful ones, but rather had to come from the Creator Himself. God, in Christ, fully human and fully divine, restores the right relationship with humankind through teaching, healing, and sacrifice, providing us with not only a savior, but a model in the faith. So, now it's time to find out more about the 'history of salvation' straight from the source. Get ready for our upcoming sessions on The Holy Bible.

0:50 Sending Prayer

To the God of all grace,
who calls you to share God's eternal glory
in union with Christ,
be the power forever.
Go now to love and serve the Lord your God. Alleluia! Amen.

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Notes

“I AM” Statements of Jesus

Read each scripture passage and note what Jesus says about who Jesus is.

John 1:1-3

Revelation 21:

1 Peter 1:19-20

John 10:11

Matthew 16:16

John 11:25

John 15:5

John 8:12

John 14:6

John 3:16

How Well Do You Know Him?

What do you know about Jesus? Answer the following questions, using the Bible as your reference tool.

1. Where was Jesus born?
2. Who were Jesus' earthly parents?
3. Jesus was related to what famous king?
4. To what country did baby Jesus and his parents flee?
5. In what town did Jesus grow up?
6. Was Jesus an only child?
7. What trade did Jesus learn as he was growing up?
8. When Jesus was 12 years old, his parents lost him. Where was he?
9. Who was Jesus' cousin?
10. Where was Jesus baptized?
11. For how many days was Jesus tempted in the desert?

12. How many years was Jesus' public ministry?
13. In what town was Jesus crucified?
14. Who betrayed Jesus with a kiss?
15. Who denied that he even knew Jesus?
16. On what day did Jesus rise from the dead?
17. Who was the first person to discover that Jesus had risen?
18. Who was the disciple who doubted Jesus rose from the dead?
19. How many days are there between the resurrection and ascension?
20. What makes Jesus different from anyone else?