

What will you do with His claims?

2Cor. 5-7 You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure.[fn] This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

Phil. 2:9-11 Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matt. 11:28-30 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls...



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SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY



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The ABC's for every new believer

Lesson # 1

Who is Jesus?

Jesus is the _____ revelation

Heb.1:1-2 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. (cf. Gen 1:1)

Jesus is the _____ point of all scripture

Jn. 5:39-40 You diligently study the Scriptures because you *think* that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

Jn. 6:66-68 From this time many of his (*Jesus*) disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Jn. 5:45-46 But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses (Law), on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses (Law), you would believe me, for he wrote about me.

What did Jesus _____ about Himself?

Mt. 16:13-15 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Jn. 4:25-26 The woman said, "I know that Messiah (called Christ) is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

Luke 4:14-21 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Jn. 10:30-33 "I and the Father are one." Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"

"We are not stoning you for any of these, replied the Jews, but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

Jn. 14:6-9 I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him. Philip said, Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us. Jesus answered: Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, Show us the Father?

Jn. 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. (cf. Gen.1:1; Heb.1:2, etc)

Jn. 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth...

Jn. 1:17-18: For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

Lk. 18:18-19 A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good except God alone."

Jesus defines "_____"

Jn. 10:10 Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Jn. 10:14 Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me."

Jn. 8:56-59 "Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad." "You are not yet fifty years old", the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham?" "I tell you the truth", Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I AM!" (cf. Ex3:13-14) At this, they picked up stones to stone him.

THE 7 GREAT “I AM’s”:

Jn. 6:35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty”.

Jn. 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”.

Jn. 10:9 “I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved”

Jn. 10:11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep”.

Jn. 14:6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Jn. 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Jn. 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

The claims of Jesus regarding who he was not a mystery. His claims were very clear. The clarity of His statements can be seen in the responses of His audience.

THE RESPONSES: Mk. 2:5-7 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven”. Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Jn. 5:15-18 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. Jesus said to them, My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working. For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

Jn. 20:31-33 Again the Jews picked up stones to stone Him, but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me? “We are not

stoning you for any of these,” replied the Jews, “but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.”

Jn 11:47-48 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. “What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”



I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and

is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. ... Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that He was and is God. [C.S. Lewis]

Jesus was a _____

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Jesus is who He claimed to be...

Heb.1:6,8 And again, when God brings his firstborn (*Jesus*) into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him(*Jesus*).” ...8 But about the Son (*Jesus*) he (*Father*) says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.