

HERITAGE BASICS: Lesson 4

Who is Jesus Christ?

Memory Verse: John 1:1, 14- *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Jesus is the central figure of all human history. He is unique and no one has ever been like Him. People have thought of Him as a great teacher, a religious leader, a prophet, the Son of God, even God Himself. The claims He made, along with those claims by others, have launched Him into the center of endless controversies throughout history.

Everyone must face the question that Pontius Pilate asked, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” (Matthew 27:22). But before you can answer, you must first understand who Jesus is. This lesson will introduce us to Him!

- I. God Who Became Man-** Jesus came into the world in human flesh. He set aside, voluntarily, the independent use of His divine attributes and took on the form of a man. He was fully human, a man in every way, except that He was without sin. This fact is the “incarnation.”

a. What does Philippians 2:6 say about Jesus before He became a man? _____

b. According to Philippians 2:7, what did Jesus do? _____

c. Jesus was fully human.

- i.** Describe Jesus’ human growth and development as a youth (Luke 2:40, 52).

- ii.** What was Jesus’ response when He was tired (Mark 4:38)?

- iii.** What was Jesus’ response to lack of food (Luke 4:2)?

- iv.** How did Jesus feel after a journey (John 4:6)?

- v.** How did Jesus react when He was grieved (John 11:35)?

- vi.** What did Jesus say about Himself (Luke 24:39)?

II. **The Man Who is God-** Even though Jesus took on the form of a man, He was still fully God. Consider the following marks of deity attributed to Christ.

a. Attributes:

i. Look up the following verses, which describe various attributes of Christ.

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| 1. Sovereign | Matthew 28:18 |
| 2. Eternal | 1 John 1:1-2 |
| 3. Unchanging (immutable) | Hebrews 13:8 |
| 4. All-knowing (omniscient) | Colossians 2:2b-3 |
| 5. Perfect or sinless | 2 Corinthians 5:21 |
| 6. Holy | Acts 3:14-15 |
| 7. Truth | John 14:6 |

ii. Christ demonstrated His power (omnipotence) in His earthly ministry:

1. Matthew 8:23-27: Power over _____
2. Luke 4:40: Power over _____
3. Luke 4:33-36: Power over _____
4. John 11:43-44: Power over _____

iii. What additional authority did Jesus claim and exercise (Mark 2:3-12)? (Hint: verse 10) _____

iv. According to Mark 2:7, who alone can forgive sin? _____

v. Since Jesus had the authority to forgive sins, and only God can forgive sins, who is Jesus Christ?

b. Titles of Deity- Write out the titles.

- i. Matthew 1:23 _____ (“God with us”)
- ii. Philippians 2:10-11 _____ (sovereign)
- iii. John 8:58 _____ (a title reserved for God; Exodus 3:14)

c. Statements of Deity- write out the key statements.

i. Colossians 2:9 _____

ii. Hebrews 1:1-3a _____

iii. John 1:1, 14: Jesus Christ (“The Word”) is _____

iv. Titus 2:13 _____

III. **The Christ Who Is Savior-** According to John 3:17, Jesus is the Savior of the world. List the following titles that describe God's saving grace.

1. **John 1: 29** _____
2. **John 6:35** _____
3. **John 14:6** _____

IV. **The King Who Comes to Rule-** Jesus is not just a person of the past. He is the destined King of Kings and Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:14-15) who will someday reign over all the earth.

a. **According to Daniel 7:14, what three things has Christ been given?**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

b. **What did Jesus tell His followers in Matthew 25:31-32?** _____

c. **When Christ ascended into heaven 40 days after the resurrection, what were the apostles told (Acts 1:11)?** _____

d. **Describe the return of Jesus Christ (2 Thessalonians 1:7b-10).** _____

V. **Application**

Christ is: God... Savior... King/Ruler

a. **In light of this, how can you best prepare for His second coming (2 Peter 3:14)?**

b. **What can you do this week to acknowledge who He is (Revelation 5:11-14)?**

