

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?



WHO IS JESUS CHRIST? Is He just a good man? He's more than that. The Bible says He did not sin (1 Peter 2:22). Is He a great teacher? He's more than that. Officers sent to arrest Jesus returned to the priest and Pharisees and said that no man ever spoke like He did (John 7:46).

Jesus differed from any man who ever lived because He is God in the flesh (John 1:1-14).

Today many cults and even some ministers and professors of religion deny Christ's deity (that He is God), His virgin birth, His payment for our sins on the Cross and physical resurrection from the grave. So it's important that we know who Jesus is and what He came to earth to do. In the Bible we find these truths:

CHRIST ALWAYS EXISTED

The Apostle John said that Jesus existed from the "beginning" (John 1:1), but that He became flesh and lived among mankind (1:14). Christ Himself claimed to be "the Beginning and the End," "the One who is, was, and is to come," and "the Almighty" (Revelation 1:8).

When Micah foretold that the Messiah—Jesus Christ—would be born in Bethlehem, he added that He was the One who came from ancient times, from everlasting or eternity (Micah 5:2). And the Apostle Paul wrote that Jesus is before all things, and in Him all things are held together (Colossians 1:17). John also testified that Jesus made all things (John 1:3).

JESUS IS BOTH GOD AND MAN

God revealed to Adam and Eve that Christ would be born of a woman (Genesis 3:15). Then Isaiah foretold that a virgin would have a son and He would be called "Immanuel" meaning "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14), Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). The angel Gabriel told the virgin Mary that the Holy Child conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of her would be called the Son of God (Luke 1:35). The only Child ever born of God and a woman, Jesus is both God and man.

JESUS CAME TO DIE FOR OUR SINS

God loved the world so much that He sent His Son, and whoever believes in Him will have eternal life (John 3:16). Isaiah foretold that Christ would be wounded for our sins (53:5). And the Apostle John called Jesus the Lamb slain for the world before creation (Revelation 13:8). His coming to earth to die for our sins was God's plan before He even made man.

JESUS IS THE FUTURE KING

A thousand years before Christ, the psalmist prophesied His Second Coming in

judgement, power, and glory to take His throne as King (Psalm 45:6). Hebrews 1:8 quotes this prophecy, saying that God the Father said it to God the Son.

The only way we can understand these truths is to accept by faith the teaching of the Godhead made up of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19)—one God in essence, yet three Persons. Check John 1, Ephesians 1, Colossians 1, and Hebrews 1.

Jesus Christ was crucified for claiming He was God and the Son of God (John 19:7). Imagine what great love He had for us to humble Himself and become a man so that He could suffer and pay for our sins on the Cross! Now that you know who Jesus Christ is, what will you do with this knowledge? Will you tuck it away in your mind, or will you let it change your heart?

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