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Who is Jesus?

Welcome to the "Who is Jesus?" series. I am excited to dive into the nature and character of who Jesus is over the next 5 lessons together. There are many different attributes that we can discover and explore inside of the scriptures that point to who Jesus is and what His character is.

We will cover 5 main points:

- Jesus is God
- Jesus is Savior
- Jesus is Shepherd
- Jesus is Healer
- Jesus is our Friend

This teaching content is crafted not just for you to deliver, but for you to discover. It's not a script to read word-for-word, but a starting point for your own reflection, spiritual growth, and deeper understanding. I encourage you to take time to study the principles, ask your own questions, and seek God for insight. As you do, you'll be able to teach from a place of personal revelation and genuine ownership. The goal isn't just to pass along information – it's to invite transformation, both in you and in those you teach. As you take notes, pray, and prepare, you'll find your own voice rising to bring the lesson to life in a way only you can.

I challenge you not just to intellectually understand the following teaching, but to allow it to soak deeply into your soul as you reflect on who Jesus is. He is truly amazing and worthy of study – but Jesus is not a subject. He is a person who desires for you to know Him in an ever-growing measure. Teach and lead from a place of being awestruck once again by the wonder of who He is.

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Lesson 1

Jesus is God

One crucial aspect of Christianity is our view of the divinity of Christ. Many other religions have something to say about who Jesus is, from being a good person, to a role model, to even a prophet. Although these are good and partially accurate descriptions they fall short of the full truth. Jesus is God.

Let's dive into the evidence that shows us Jesus is God.

Evidence #1 God Said Jesus is God

(Object: Picture of Jesus being baptized in the Jordan river)

Matthew 3:16-17 ICB

Jesus was baptized and came up out of the water. Heaven opened, and He saw God's Spirit coming down on Him like a dove. And a voice spoke from heaven. The voice said, "This is my Son and I love him. I am very pleased with Him."

Now what does it mean that Jesus is the Son of God? We get more of a clue in **John 5:16-18 ICB**

Jesus was doing this on the Sabbath day. So the Jews began to do bad things to Him. But Jesus said to them, "My Father never stops working. And so I work, too."

This made the Jews try harder to kill Him. They said, "First Jesus was breaking the law about the Sabbath day. Then He said that God is His own Father! He is making Himself equal with God!"

Jesus said that God was His Father, The Jewish leaders that He was talking to knew what He meant by what He said. His statement that God was His father He was telling them that He came from God and that He has God's exact same nature. This upset them greatly.

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Evidence #2 Jesus said He is God (A Stone)

Jesus again begins speaking to the Jewish leaders. After discussing many things, the conversation turns to these questions: Where did Jesus come from? Who is He speaking for? Jesus answers in **John 8:58** like this:

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth. Before Abraham was born, I AM!" When Jesus said this, the people picked up stones to throw at Him. But Jesus hid Himself, and then He left the Temple.

Why did they respond in such a harsh manner by trying to kill Him? Because Jesus is quoting God from the book of Exodus. Moses asks God in **Exodus 3:14**: Moses said to God, "When I go to the Israelites, I will say to them, 'The God of your ancestors sent me to you.' What if the people say, 'What is His name?' What should I tell them?"

Then God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. When you go to the people of Israel, tell them, 'I AM sent me to you.'" Jesus uses the same name to describe Himself. Jesus is directly stating that He is God.

Evidence #3 Others Said He was God (Object: Witness statements on a paper with notes)

Many others that were close with Jesus said the same thing, Jesus is God. Lets look at a few of their statements here:

Matthew 16:15-17 - Then Jesus asked them, "And who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered, "You are blessed, Simon son of Jonah. No person taught you that. My Father in heaven showed you who I am.



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John 20:28 - Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!"
Titus 2:13 - "Our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."
2 Peter 1:1 - "Our God and Savior Jesus Christ."
1 John 5:20 - "He is the true God and eternal life."

Conclusion:

Jesus made some very bold statements about who He was and who He came from. God confirmed that what He said was true by raising Him from the dead after 3 days. If Jesus was not telling the truth, God would not have raised Him from the dead.