

## Who Is Jesus?

Scripture Text: John 1:18

About the Text:

- 1) In this marvelous passage, John sets forth the attributes of the divine LOGOS.
- 2) There are in John 1:1-18 no less than 42 distinct descriptions of who Jesus was.
- 3) Each one of these descriptions deserves merit and attention.
- 4) And I personally recommend that you study these descriptions carefully and prayerfully to get to know who Jesus is.
- 5) This morning, however, we are going to look at just one of these descriptions.
- 6) This is the description with which John ends the prologue.
- 7) Specifically, that Jesus is the one who has declared/made known/revealed the Father.
- 8) Jesus said to Philip in John 14:9-11
- 9) In the life of Jesus we see divine revelation of not only what God's will is for man, but who God is.
- 10) The question "Who is Jesus?" and "Who is God?" are indistinguishable as far as we are concerned.
- 11) But answering the question "Who is Jesus?" will help us understand the question "Who is God?"
- 12) NOTE: We will be discussing the great "I AM"s of the book of John in November.

Jesus makes known (declares/reveals) to us God, by being . . .

### **I. THE TEACHER OF THE TRUTH**

1. He was a teacher.
  - 1) Mark 4:1 says that He taught by the sea side.
  - 2) Luke 4:31; He taught on the Sabbath day.
  - 3) Mark 6:2 says that He taught in the synagogue.
  - 4) Mark 6:6 says that He went about the villages teaching.
  - 5) Mark 6:34 says that He taught them many things.
  - 6) Luke 11:1; He taught the disciples how to pray.
  - 7) Luke 19:47 says that he taught daily in the temple.

8) He was described by Nicodemus as the “teacher come from God” John 3:2.

9) We often emphasize other attributes of Jesus such as His love, mercy, forgiveness, life of prayer, and the list can go on and on, but how often do we emphasize the fact that He was a teacher.

10) In fact, the largest parts of the gospel accounts are devoted to Jesus teaching.

a. Sermon on the mount (Matthew 5, 6, 7).

b. The Olivet discourse (Matthew 24, 25).

c. The teaching to the disciples on the night of His betrayal (John 13-17).

11) It is at least equally important not just WHAT Jesus taught, but THAT he taught.

12) How many of us are following this example?

13) Jesus was a teacher and this means that God is a teacher.

2. He taught that teaching is the foundation of being a Christian.

1) To come to God we must be taught: John 6:45

2) To do God’s will we must be taught: John 7:17

3) To make disciples they must be taught: Matthew 28:20

3. He taught God’s TRUTH.

1) Jesus is the one who is full of truth and who brings truth (John 1:14, 17).

2) He taught that we must worship God in truth (John 4:24).

3) He taught that true freedom comes through knowing the truth (John 8:32).

4) He said that He was “the truth” (John 14:6).

5) He prayed that the disciples would be sanctified in the truth (John 17:17).

6) In answer to the question from Pilate – John 18:37

4. Jesus is THE Teacher of THE Truth.

## **II. THE WARNER OF DANGER**

1. He warns us concerning sin.

1) After healing an impotent man at the Bethesda pool, Jesus said to him – John 5:14

2) He says that committing sin makes sin our master – John 8:34

3) He implores us to repent of sin or perish. Luke 13:3, 5

2. He warns us concerning false teachers.

- 1) Matthew 7:15
- 2) Mark 13:21, 22
- 3) Luke 6:26

3. He warns us concerning Hell.

- 1) Jesus speaks more concerning Hell than any other writer in the Bible.
- 2) He says to the disciples who would preach His message – Matthew 10:28
- 3) He says to the Pharisees who fail to heed his message – Matthew 23:33
- 4) He warns all followers that even the most precious things in this life are not worth Hell. Mark 9:43, 44
- 5) He warns that everlasting punishment is reserved for those who do not commit themselves to Him (Matthew 25:46).

4. Jesus is the Warner of ultimate danger.

### III. THE FORGIVER OF SINS

1. His mission was to save the lost.

- 1) His very name implies this: Matthew 1:21
- 2) Mark 2:17
- 3) Luke 19:10 “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”
- 4) Luke 1:76, 77

2. He had the authority to forgive sins while on earth.

- 1) Matthew 9:2-6
- 2) Luke 7:44-48

3. God gives Him the authority to forgive sins today.

- 1) Matthew 28:18 “All authority....”
- 2) John 20:22, 23
- 3) This forgiveness comes through Jesus blood (Matthew 26:28).
- 4) This forgiveness was to be preached in His name—by his authority. (Luke 24:47)
- 5) This the apostles did first on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:38.

1. Who is Jesus?

- 1) Know that He is the Great Teacher of truth.
- 2) Know that He is the Warner of danger.
- 3) Know that He is the Forgiver of sins.
- 4) Will you acknowledge Jesus today for who He is?

2. Invitation

- 1) If you are a Christian but have fallen away
  - a. You have stopped knowing Him.
  - b. Renew your knowledge and love for Jesus today.
- 2) If you are not a Christian this morning . . .
  - a. Come to know Him this very hour!
  - b. He stands ready to forgive you of your sins today!

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